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CPA AIMS TO RE-OPEN NIGHTTIME FLIGHTS TOMORROW

Saipan airport obtains temporary CUC power

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» United still only commercial aircraft with incoming passengers

With the Commonwealth Ports Authority setting its sights on resuming regular nighttime flights tomorrow, Tuesday, at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. has temporarily restored island power at the airport.

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IPI re-opens casino

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Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC announced, in a brief statement yesterday, that it has resumed the operations of its casino at the Garapan facility.

Sources say the casino re-opened at about 6pm and would continue to have one-shift operations from 6pm to 2am daily—until everything normalizes on the island.

IPI had to stop its casino operations for a few days after their facility sustained damage following the

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Samaritan's Purse to bring 300 gensets to Tinian

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A second batch of supplies from a disaster relief organization based in North Carolina arrived on Saipan yesterday, noting that it would be transporting 300 generator sets to Tinian.

A Samaritan's Purse statement over the weekend said the second batch of supplies was brought to Saipan aboard the religious organization's DC-8 aircraft yesterday

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A second batch of supplies from a disaster relief organization Samaritan's Purse are unloaded from the organization's plane.
SAMARITAN'S PURSE

MILITARY ASSISTANCE
Several military trucks, which are being used to haul typhoon debris and assist the government's recovery efforts from Super Typhoon Yutu's devastation, conduct operation at the Chalan Kanoa public cemetery area over the weekend.
FERDIE DE LA TORRE

Diver missing at Grotto

The Department of Fire and Emergency and Management Services has suspended the search for a 65-year-old man who went diving and had gone missing at the Grotto yesterday.

DFEMS identified the missing person as John J. Jones, a Caucasian male. The victim was last seen outside the Grotto and was with three other dive companions.

According to his companions, the victim motioned he was running low on air, showed no signs of distress, and was still okay, DFEMS said on a

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Rayphand debuts children's book

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Former San Vicente Elementary School teacher James M. Rayphand has debuted a new children's book, *A Good Farmer*, that was inspired by the experiences of his 6-year-old son.

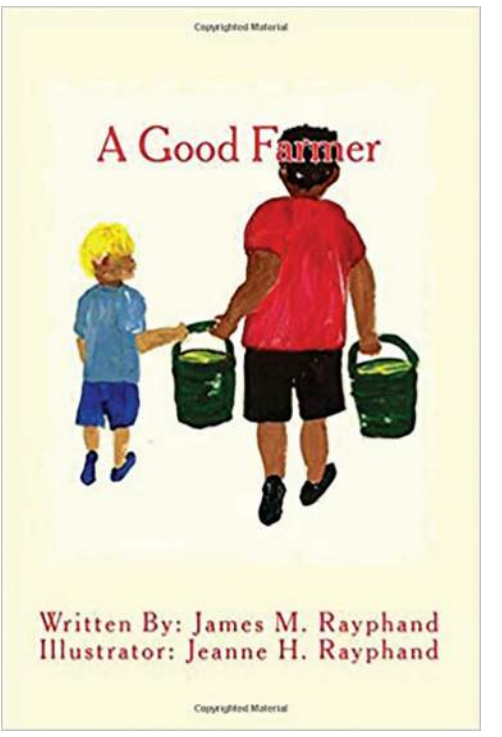
As he describes it, *A Good Farmer* is "a heartwarming portrait of a shared life between father and son as seen against the backdrop and chronology of the annual seasons."

Rayphand hopes that this book, which he self-published, will find its way to many homes as it intends to highlight parental love, help readers identify with the characters and find enjoyment in the process. "…I've been working on it for a while and never thought I could be so proud of a children's book as I am of this one."

"I tend to be overly sentimental with anything that has something to do with my children as the book is semi-autobiographical." he said.

The book is also in collaboration with his mother, Jeanne Rayphand, who is a lawyer. "She dabbles in painting as a hobby. …I think there is something ironic (if not outright special) about a mother-and-son duo writing a book about a father-and-son relationship," he added.

A Good Farmer is listed and available on amazon.com at https://www.amazon.com/Good-Farmer-Mr-James-Rayphand/dp/1979286590/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1542242421&sr=8-1&keywords=james+rayphand.



Ex-San Vicente Elementary School teacher James M. Rayphand has a new children's book, *A Good Farmer*, inspired by the experiences of his 6-year-old son. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

The book is an easy read as it contains only 32 pages. Rayphand said this book can also be a souvenir that can be passed from one generation to another.

"I have a 6- and an 8-year-old now who loves reading the book with me before bed… I hope to be able to make it available at our local stores on Saipan in the near future," he added.

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Tim Villagomez OK'd to travel to PH

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The federal court has granted the request of former lieutenant governor Timothy P. Villagomez, who is on probation, to travel to the Philippines to visit family friends and for medical-related services.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona approved last week Villagomez's request to leave last Wednesday and return to Saipan on Nov. 26.

Manglona required Villagomez to abide by certain conditions while he is in Dasmarinas, Cavite and for him to call his probation officer as soon as he is aware of any need to stay in the Philippines for a longer period, if he changes accommodations or locations, and as soon as he returns to Saipan.

Villagomez began his term of supervised release on June 24, 2017, in the District of Idaho.

At Villagomez's request, his supervision was transferred to the U.S. Probation Office for the NMI, and is set to expire on June 23, 2020.

U.S. probation officer Gregory F. Arriola informed the court that Villagomez asked to travel to Dasmarinas, Cavite, Philippines, from Nov. 14 to 26 to visit family friends and for medical-related purposes.

Arriola said he has verified that a majority of Villagomez's travel expenses will be paid for by one of his friends.

Arriola said Villagomez has generally completed his conditions of supervised release.

On Aug. 6, 2009, the former lieutenant governor paid off his $400 special assessment fee.

Arriola said although Villagomez owes a substantial amount in restitution, he continues to make consistent monthly payments toward the outstanding balance, which is also monitored by the U.S. Attorney's Financial Litigation Unit.

Arriola supported Villagomez's request to travel to the Philippines.

In 2009, the U.S. District Court for the NMI sentenced Villagomez to seven years and three months in prison for his conviction in a conspiracy to defraud the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. through needless purchases of a de-scaling chemical called Rydlyme.

In 2013, U.S. District Court for the NMI Emeritus Chief Judge Alex R. Munson re-sentenced Villagomez to nine years.

Munson ordered that after serving the sentence, Villagomez would be placed on three years' probation.

He was ordered to pay $346,125 in restitution to CUC, jointly with former Commerce secretary James A. Santos and Joaquina V. Santos.

Munson conducted the resentencing after the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit vacated Villagomez's sentence and ordered that he be resentenced after finding that the judge made a mistake in calculating the defendant's sentence.

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YUTU UPDATES

Drinking water distribution

The CNMI government and the U.S. Department of Defense will be facilitating the distribution of drinkable water at the reverse osmosis station at Pakpak Beach in San Antonio. It is open daily Monday to Sunday, from 7:30am to 6pm. Residents must bring their own clean water containers There is a limit of five 5-gallon water bottles per household. ***(PR)***

Water refilling stations

The U.S. Department of Defense will be providing drinkable water at the following water buffalo filling station at the Koblerville Fire Station and Mt. Carmel Cathedral field. The water buffalos are completely self-serve. The community is welcome to fill up their own containers. Residents must bring their own clean water containers to fill up at the water buffalo stations. The stations are open daily, from 8am to 6pm. There is a limit of 25 gallons per household. ***(PR)***

NMC eyes early December opening

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The Northern Marianas College now has a target date for the resumption of classes at its As Terlaje campus—Dec. 3, 2018. But that's for afternoon and evening classes only. There is no word yet on when NMC's morning classes will resume.

NMC announced over the weekend its intention to resume classes in early December in its social media page.

Super Yutu destroyed several NMC buildings.

NMC noted that while construction at the As Terlaje campus continues, the college is looking at temporary, alternate sites on Saipan to continue classes.

"More detailed announcements in regards to the resumption of fall 2018 class schedule and an adjusted spring 2019 class schedule will be available within the next few days," the college said.

It urged students and the public to continue to keep an eye out on their website and social media pages.

NMC also coordinated with the Saipan Higher Education Financial Assistance program and the CNMI Scholarship Office to extend the spring 2019 deadlines from the previous Dec. 1, 2018, to Dec. 31, 2018. All supporting documents, however, are due by Feb. 28, 2019.

The college would also be hosting "information sessions" to provide updates in person on Nov. 23, 2018 at the American Memorial Park Theater. The sessions would be held between two sessions, one from 9am to 10am and another at 3pm to 4pm.

While the college noted that attendance is not required, the information sessions provide students with an opportunity to receive further updates and ask questions.

The college's landlines are all down, so in order to contact the college, you may call 285-7651 or 285-2059.

NMC offices open starting today, from 9am to 4pm. NMC noted that students are required to park behind Building P since other parking spaces on campus remain off limits to students while some programs and services are temporarily relocated due to damage.

In a separate statement that the CNMI Public School System earlier released, it said that the target opening date for schools on Saipan is Dec. 3, 2018. It also said that all schools on Tinian will be open and ready to receive students on Nov. 26, 2018.

PH Consulate handed out $65K in aid

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The Philippine government, through the Philippine Consulate General in Agana, Guam, handed out over $65,000 in financial aid to Filipinos in the CNMI, to help its nationals who were impacted by Super Typhoon Yutu.

During the final day of its consular outreach on Saipan, the consulate handed out $50 each to 500 families last Friday at the Kristo Rai Parish social hall.

This was the consulate's second instance of providing financial relief to Filipino citizens affected by Yutu.

Prior to that, the PCG assisted 600 families with the help of TanHoldings president Jerry Tan and over 200 families on Tinian. Each family was given $50 each, amounting to over $65,000 in financial relief distributions to date.

The initial budget of the PCG last Friday, however, was only enough to accommodate 400 families. However, thanks to a donation from the Filipino Community of Guam, amounting to $5,000, an additional 100 families were accommodated.

When asked about future financial relief assistance from the Philippine government, vice consul Alex Vallespin said, "I cannot say. As long as the order comes from Manila, Philippines, that is when we will come back [to distribute]."

The Friday distributions at the Kristo Rai Parish was all but smooth, with many lining up as early as 1am to obtain the financial aid.

The distributions were scheduled to start at 8:30am. However, as early as 2am in the morning, over 100 people were already in line.

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onslaught of Super Typhoon Yutu last month, whose destructive winds brought down power poles that caused a massive islandwide power outage.

No incoming international flights also contributed to the closure as no tourists were coming in. The Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport was only open to military aircraft that were bringing in relief supplies.

IPI, in a statement last week, said they also suffered hundreds of thousands of dollars in damage and losses from its operations, similar to other businesses on the islands of Saipan and Tinian.

Yutu's destruction directly hit the CNMI's tourism industry, with the remaining tourists from South Korea being airlifted by their government, while emergency flights were also allowed to bring the remaining off-island visitors out of Saipan.

The Saipan airport resumed its regular daytime flights last Friday and plans to restart regular nighttime schedule tomorrow.

IPI's initial plan, once all tourists left the island, was to have reduced casino hours, with essential employees to be working in shifts from Nov. 2 to 15. IPI allowed their non-essential personnel to either take a paid time-off or voluntarily join the company-initiated community service, with stipend allocation.

SAMARITAN

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afternoon.

The supplies included 780 rolls of heavy-duty plastic tarps to help with temporary shelters for Super Typhoon Yutu survivors.

"The relief organization will also transport 300 generators, which will be distributed to affected families on the island of Tinian, where they are not expected to regain power for several months," the statement said.

Former CNN, Fox News, and NBC anchor Greta Van Susteren's social media page suggests that she is on-island and came with the flight, but Samaritan's Purse team leader Mark Langham has not confirmed it.

Samaritan's Purse has brought a second batch of supplies to Saipan aboard the religious organization's DC-8 aircraft yesterday afternoon.

SAMARITAN'S PURSE

The second batch of supplies followed the organization's initial response to the super typhoon last Nov. 4, where a team of 20 personnel from the organization, including four medical professionals, touched down on Saipan using the same DC-8 cargo aircraft, to provide medical aid along with relief assistance to shelters.

The first batch of supplies included over 30 tons of emergency shelter material, solar lights that doubled as power banks, water filtration units, and other necessities for relief. Estimates of the first batch of supplies, according to a representative of the organization, was enough to accommodate at least 5,000 families.

The lack of supply transportation at first delayed the organization's Saipan operation, but Langham assured in a conversation last Thursday evening that transportation is starting to ease up.

The organization has been coordinating with several local churches to hand out relief goods.

DIVER

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social media posting.

While entering back into the Grotto, the companions turned around and noticed the victim was no longer with them. The companions returned to the surface, notified the Grotto security to call for emergency help, changed out their tanks, and went back into the Grotto to search for their companions until the Department of Public Safety arrived.

Rescue operations ceased due to low light visibility and will continue again this morning, DFEMS noted.

DFEMS said that it received a call from DPS 911 about an overdue diver at the Grotto at 10:30am yesterday.

At 10:30am Rescue-1 and Forestry-1 from the Susupe Fire Station, Medic-2 from the Garapan Fire Station were dispatched and the Search and Rescue Unit was activated. DFEMS units arrived on scene at 10:51am.

DFEMS Unit conducted a cliffline search while SARU dove inside Grotto and DPS Boating Safety and Department of Land and Natural Resources Fish and Wildlife conducted dive search outside the Grotto in coordination with the U.S. Coast Guard and the Navy helicopter from HC-25 out of Guam.

In separate news, DFEMS was able to extinguish a structure fire behind Twins Market in Puerto Rico last Friday.

Preliminary scene investigation by the Arson Investigation Unit revealed that the fire fully engulfed a one story semi-concrete residential unit. The point of origin was located on the western side of the structure.

No persons were injured and no treatments were provided at the scene for medical complaints in relation to the fire, which DFEMS was reportedly controlled at 2:09am.

The cause of the fire is still pending further investigation. ***(Saipan Tribune)***

AIRPORT

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CPA has already resumed regular daytime flights at the airport since Thursday week and wants nighttime regular flights this week. So far, United Airlines is the only commercial aircraft that comes in with passengers.

Tenorio

CPA executive director Christopher S. Tenorio said that, as of Saturday, the airport's main generators are awaiting parts and will undergo maintenance.

Tenorio said CPA is also repairing its riser—a truck with an attached stair that could be extended—and that materials have been ordered.

The commuter building, which handles flights from Saipan to and from Tinian and Rota, is still totally closed due to extensive damage. Commuter tenants are still operating out of tents in the commuter parking area.

Tenorio said that CPA is working with a vendor to remove the damaged canopy from the bus parking to the commuter building.

With all of the airport's jetways damaged, CPA is working on getting those removed. A jetway is an enclosed, movable footbridge that extends from an airport terminal gate to an airplane.

Tenorio said that majority of the taxiway/runway lights have been replaced.

However, he said, the taxiway/runway signs need replacement.

Tenorio said the water running to the terminals is being pumped by generators, but there are some issues with the water pump as it is not maintaining the needed pressure.

CPA is alternating between two water pumps.

While 30 percent of the fence line went down, 95 percent of that has been temporarily fixed, he said.

Ports police officers are being posted for additional security measures.

Tenorio said the port of Saipan is back to normal operations.

On Tinian, the Tinian International Airport's generator is awaiting a backup and that a request has been submitted to the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

He said CPA is still waiting parts to replace broken taxiway and runway lights.

He said temporary fencing repair has been completed.

At the Port of Tinian, Tenorio said the dock has no power.

He said incoming vessels will need to bring their own lights and power supply.

New faces to join incumbents in 21st Legislature

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The 21st Legislature will be an interesting mix of new faces, returning lawmakers, and incumbents, based on the official tally of last Tuesday's elections by the Commonwealth Election Commission.

Seven newcomers secured their slots in the 20-member House of Representatives, three made a successful return to the Legislature, and 10 incumbents were triumphant in keeping their respective seats in the coming Legislature.

Nine sitting members of the House decided to run in other posts, with four succeeding in their respective bids, while five were unfortunate that included House Speaker Rafael S. Demapan (R-Saipan) in Precinct 2.

Luis John Castro, Joseph Flores, Sheila Babauta, Joel Camacho, Richard Lizama, Antonio Borja, and Donald Manglona are the neophyte lawmakers, with four running under the local GOP banner and another three as independent candidates.

Castro and Flores secured two of the six slots in Precinct 1, Babauta and Camacho the two spots in Precinct 4, Lizama earned one of the two spots in Precinct 5 while Borja clinched the lone Tinian seat.

Borja defeated independent bet Frederick Dela Cruz (553) for now Tinian Mayor Edwin P. Aldan's House seat, while Manglona defeated floor leader Glenn L. Maratita (631) as Rota representative.

Returning lawmakers

Tina Sablan, a former lawmaker who was a member of the 16th Legislature and who ran as an independent bet, were among the candidates who pulled off an upset after topping the Precinct 2 race with 629 votes to dislodge speaker Demapan from the race, who came in third with 532.

Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation chair John Paul Sablan, despite an alleged DUI arrest, earned the second of the two seats for Precinct 2 with 550 votes while Isabel Matsunaga, another independent, had 360 votes.

In a statement later, Tina Sablan thanked the voters of Precinct 2. "I am deeply grateful to the many friends, family, neighbors, and fellow independent and Democratic candidates who supported my campaign and made this win possible."

"I want the people of Precinct 2 and the people of the Commonwealth to know that I am committed to working even harder for them as their representative in the Legislature—for a safer, healthier, more beautiful, and more resilient Marianas. For an economy that raises the quality of life for all, and for a more transparent and accountable government."

She added that recovery should now be the focus after the CNMI experienced two destructive typhoons. "Our people, especially in our southern villages and on Tinian, were hit hard hit by Super Typhoon Yutu and we face so many challenges in recovery."

"But there are many opportunities as well. We will need to come together as a government and as a community to do everything we can to help our families and businesses get back on their feet. We can and should aim to rebuild so that we are stronger and more resilient than before. That should be one of our highest priorities in the 21st Legislature."

Former CNMI State Board of Education chair Roman C. Benavente and Ralph N. Yumul are also returning to the House after securing seats in Precincts 1 and 3. Both failed in their re-election bids for the 20th CNMI Legislature.

Benavente clinched the last seat in Precinct 1 with 1,534 votes while Yumul placed fourth with 1,427 votes in Precinct 1.

Other incumbents

Edwin K. Propst (Ind-Saipan) led the incumbents that are going to serve again in Precinct 1 with 2,639 votes while Joseph Leepan T. Guerrero (R-Saipan) had 1,931 and vice speaker Janet U. Maratita had 1,731.

Edmund Villagomez topped Precinct 3 with 1,709 votes followed by Ivan A. Blanco and B.J. Attao with 1,661 and 1,636 votes each. Francisco Dela Cruz and Jose Itibus completed the Top 6 with 1,215 and 1,200, respectively.

J.P. Sablan was second in Precinct 2 with 550 votes while Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero topped Precinct 5 with 977 votes.

Senate

Sen. Teresita A. Santos was successful in her re-election bid for one of the two Rota seats with 628 votes, while outgoing lieutenant governor Victor B. Hocog returns to the Senate after garnering 570 votes.

Santos, in a statement, thanked the people of Rota for giving her another mandate. "I will continue to uphold the mandate, trust, and confidence that our people have bestowed upon me." "Election is finally over, let us unite to restore and rebuild our CNMI, including in addressing those pressing issues before us."

Sen. Francisco Q. Cruz and Sen. Jude U. Hofschneider kept their Tinian Senate seats with 1,035 and 918 votes each, while Vinnie Sablan will be moving to the Senate after finishing on top of the Third Senatorial District with 6,076 votes followed by Justo Quitugua with 4,729.

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9th Circuit affirms $191,400 penalty vs Dynasty owners

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit has affirmed the federal court's imposition of $191,400 civil penalty against Hong Kong Entertainment (Overseas) Investments Ltd. president Man Kwan and HKE.

In a ruling last week, Ninth Circuit judges said the amount assessed by the U.S. Department of Labor's Wage and Hour Division was not arbitrary, capricious, or an abuse of discretion.

The Ninth Circuit memorandum was issued by Circuit judges M. Margaret McKeown, Michelle T. Friedland, and designated judge U.S. District Judge for the District of Arizona Raner C. Collins.

Hong Kong Entertainment (Overseas) Investments Ltd. president Man Kwan and HKE were penalized for willful and repeat violations of the overtime provision of the Fair Labor Standards Act during the operation of the now defunct Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino. The penalty is to be paid to the U.S. Labor Secretary.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona had affirmed in May 2017 the U.S. DOL's Administrative Review Board's final decision issued on Nov. 25, 2014, that fined HKE and HKE president Kwan.

Manglona concluded that, as a matter of law, the compliance agreement entered by HKE and the Labor secretary did not preclude the imposition of civil money penalties for HKE's violations of the overtime provisions of the FLSA.

Kwan, through counsel Bruce Berline, appealed to the Ninth Circuit.

Kwan brought this action pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act seeking judicial review of the Administrative Review Board's final decision and order.

Kwan challenged the monetary penalty.

The violations, which occurred in 2007, led Kwan's employer, HKE, to enter an agreement with the DOL promising to pay the unpaid overtime.

Kwan argues the agreement precluded assessment of CMPs based on the 2007 violations because paragraph 11 of the agreement reserves the DOL's right to impose CMPs for future FLSA violations.

In affirming Manglona's ruling, the Ninth Circuit judges said that neither paragraph 11 nor the rest of the agreement makes any reference to CMPs for past FLSA violations generally or the 2007 violations specifically.

The Ninth Circuit judges said because the agreement is silent on this question, the normal rule that CMPs can be assessed for repeat or willful FLSA violations applies.

The judges said this conclusion is clear even without considering the cover letter that accompanied the agreement, which specifically preserved the possibility of CMPs for the 2007 violations.

"We therefore do not need to decide whether, as Kwan argues, the parol evidence rule precludes consideration of the cover letter," the judges said.

The parol evidence rule is a rule in the Anglo-American common law regarding contracts, and governs what kinds of evidence parties to a contract dispute can introduce to identify the specific terms of a contract.

However, the judges said, the cover letter is relevant to the extent Kwan argues that the agreement should be interpreted in light of the DOL's earlier oral promise not to impose CMPs if HKE signed the agreement.

"If an earlier oral representation can be used to interpret the agreement, the cover letter can as well," the judges said.

As Manglona found, the Ninth Circuit judges said, Kwan and HKE could not reasonably have relied on the earlier promise after reading the cover letter.

Kwan argues the amount of the CMP must be set aside because it was arbitrary, capricious, and an abuse of discretion.

The judges said when determining the amount of a CMP, the DOL is required to consider certain mandatory factors and may also consider seven discretionary factors, including "the interval between violations."

Kwan contends the DOL misapplied this factor for improperly considering FLSA violations that occurred after the CMP was assessed to find that the interval between violations was not a mitigating factor.

However, the judges said, the DOL did not consider any alleged later violations when it first determined the amount of the CMP for the 2007 violations because the violations had not happened yet.

On Aug. 31, 2007, Terrence Trotter, then-assistant district director for the Hawaii District Labor's Wage and Hour Division, assessed the civil money penalties against HKE and Raymond Chan, then-financial controller for Tinian Dynasty and signatory to the compliance agreement, for willful and repeated violations of the FLSA from March 16, 2007 to May 26, 2007.

On Feb. 4, 2011, Trotter assessed the civil money penalties for the same FLSA violations against Kwan.

In December 2014, HKE and Kwan filed the lawsuit against then-U.S. Labor secretary Thomas E. Perez and several other Labor officials for allegedly violating their due process right over their assessment of civil penalty of $191,400.

The Labor secretary and co-defendants then asked the court to issue a summary judgment in their favor. The defendants have asserted, among other things, that the CMP assessment was both fair and reasonable, given the plaintiffs' repeat violations of FLSA. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

Guam gets $5.7M in 2019 Compact Impact funding

WASHINGTON—The U.S. Department of the Interior has released $5,736,250—a portion of Guam's fiscal year 2019 share of Compact Impact funding—to support the public school leaseback program in Guam.

"We are pleased to release a portion of Compact Impact funding in support of Guam's public schools," said Doug Domenech, Assistant Secretary, Insular and International Affairs. "As soon as the fiscal year 2019 enumeration population numbers are finalized, we can calculate the updated distribution amounts and release the remainder of this year's funding to Guam and the other affected U.S. jurisdictions."

Under the Compacts of Free Association, citizens of the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau are legal nonimmigrants able to live, work, and study in the United States.

As a result of migration under the Compact and the increased impact and demands placed on public services in Guam, Hawaii, the CNMI, and American Samoa, the U.S. Congress, in 2003, allocated $30 million in annual funding to be distributed among these four affected U.S. jurisdictions. Every five years, the U.S. Census Bureau conducts an enumeration of Compact migrants that is used to determine distribution amounts. The next enumeration will be completed in early 2019.

Under current law, the $30-million Compact Impact allocation for affected U.S. jurisdictions expires in 2023. ***(PR)***

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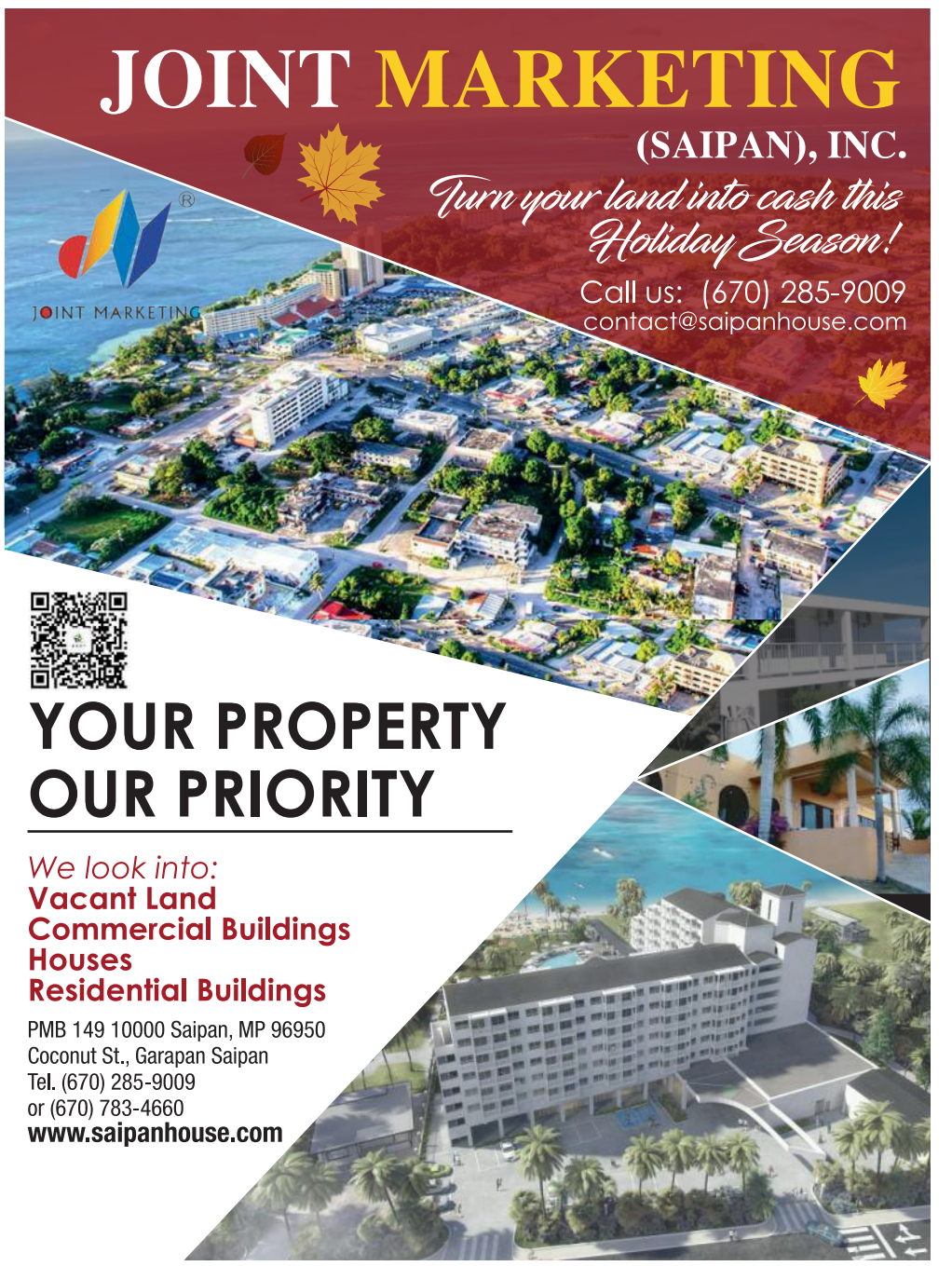

A time for healing—Torres

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REPORTER

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres is extending a hand of reconciliation to everyone as the CNMI moves forward after a bitter election that saw mudslinging and accusations were thrown around on social media.

Torres and Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) congratulated each other for winning in their respective posts in last Tuesday's elections.

Torres and his running mate, Senate President Arnold I. Palacios (R-Saipan), defeated the independent tandem of former governor Juan N. Babauta and Dr. Rita A. Sablan, while Delegate Sablan was re-elected to again represent the CNMI in the U.S. Congress.

"I congratulate Congressman Sablan on his re-election. I look forward to working with him and our elected leaders in our ongoing recovery efforts for Typhoon Mangkhut and Super Typhoon Yutu," said Torres.

Torres

"Additional support from Congress will assist us greatly toward achieving a sense of normalcy again. The time for healing is now, and we must put politics aside to help every single person who calls these islands home. I thank the congressman for his support of our efforts."

Delegate Sablan, likewise, sent his congratulatory message to the GOP bets. "I congratulate Gov. Torres and lieutenant governor-elect Palacios, and everyone who was elected to office on Tuesday."

"We may have been competitors before, but as of today, the people of the Marianas have decided they want us to work together in the best interests of our islands. The governor and all our elected officials have my pledge to listen to that decision, especially in the face of the work we need to do to recover from typhoons Mangkhut and Yutu," said Delegate Sablan.

Calvo's Insurance, Calvo Enterprises, and its partners send relief to Saipan

In the wake of Super Typhoon Yutu's devastating damage, a group of companies and nonprofit organizations have come together to offer some relief to the people of the CNMI.

The companies have shipped two APL reefer containers of ice from Pepsi Guam Bottling in Guam to Pacific Trading Co. on Saipan. The ice were distributed to families on Saipan free of charge last Saturday, Nov. 17, at the Youth Center in Koblerville.

The companies that have come together to make this happen are Calvo Enterprises, Calvo's Insurance Underwriters, American International Group AIG, Tokio Marine Pacific Insurance, American President Lines, Pacific Trucking Company, Bank of Saipan, Pepsi Guam Bottling, and Pacific Trading Co. Nonprofit organizations Karidat, MyPros, and Lady Diann Torres Foundation were also involved in the relief effort.

Calvo's Insurance Underwriters President and chief executive officer Paul A. Calvo and Calvo Enterprises, Inc. president Leonard Calvo, who spearheaded the effort in Guam, stated "Having experienced the devastation of a super typhoon [in] Guam in the past, our hearts went out to the people of the CNMI and right away we wanted to help. At first we were going to donate bottled water until Charles Cepeda from PTC suggested we donate ice instead. We hope to be able to provide two containers of free ice, per week, for the next three weeks."

Charles Cepeda, general manager of Pacific Trading Co., who is organizing the distribution on Saipan, said, "This is really a group effort between Guam and the CNMI. American President Lines provided the six reefer containers and the shipping services for free. Pacific Trucking Co. provided the trucking of the reefers in Guam for free. Calvo Enterprises, Calvo's Insurance, AIG, Tokio Marine, and Bank of Saipan, provided the funding. If we are able to successfully ship the six containers as planned, we will distribute over $40,000 of free ice to the people of the CNMI." ***(PR)***

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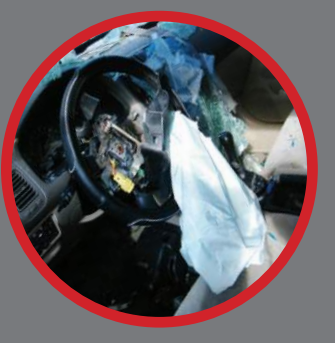

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Krise is installed as UOG's 11th president

Dr. Thomas W. Krise formally assumed his role as the 11th president of the University of Guam at the president investiture ceremony last Friday at the Calvo Field House on the UOG campus.

The investiture was conducted by Chief Justice Katherine A. Maraman before the UOG community and an audience of island dignitaries including Gov. Edward B. Calvo, senators and mayors, military officials, and former regents. Following the swearing in, the UOG board of regents presented Krise with the medallion of office, the university charter, and university mace.

Elizabeth Gayle, former chairperson of the University of Guam board of regents, presents Thomas W. Krise with the institutional hood of UOG.

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Krise, a retired U.S. Air Force officer who most recently served as president of Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, Wash., was selected by the UOG board of regents among 60 applicants to succeed Dr. Robert A. Underwood as president.

Krise started at the university on Aug. 6 and will serve for five years.

UOG president Thomas W. Krise delivers his remarks.

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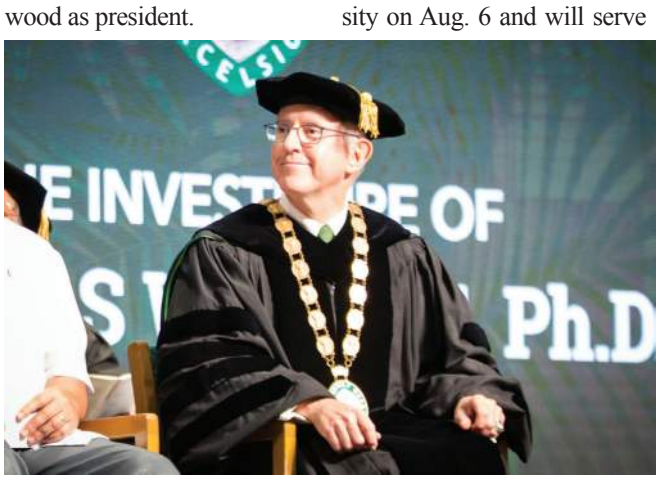

UOG president Thomas W. Krise wears the presidential medallion of office, which serves as his badge of office, signifying his role as the guardian of the university.

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Former presidents of the University of Guam: include Dr. Antonio C. Yamashita (1964-1970); Dr. Pedro C. Sanchez (1970-1974); Dr. Antonio C. Yamashita (1974-1977); Dr. Rosa R. Carter (1977-1983); Dr. Jose Q. Cruz (1983-1987); Dr. Wilfred P. Leon Guerrero (1988-1993); Dr. John C. Salas (1994-1996); Dr. Jose T. Nededog (1997-2000); Dr. Harold L. Allen (2001-2008); and Underwood (2008-2018). ***(PR)***

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Bank of Guam Thanksgiving hours

Bank of Guam announces the following holiday hours for Thanksgiving:

- Nov. 21, Wednesday: Closed at 3pm
- Nov. 22, Thursday: Closed
- Nov. 23, Friday: Closed
- Nov. 24, Saturday: Saturday branches open regular hours

CHamoru commission meeting set

The Kumisión i Fino' CHamoru yan i Fina'nå'guen i Historia yan i Lina'la' i Taotao Tåno' *(Commission on CHamoru Language and the Teaching of the History and Culture of the Indigenous People of Guam)* will hold its monthly meeting to Nov. 20, 2018, Tuesday, from 12:3pm to 3pm, at the Garden House (former Guam Museum) in the Plaza de Espana, Hagåtña. ***(PR)***

UOG seeks noms for Palulap Award

The Faculty Senate of the University of Guam is accepting nominations for the Palulap Medallion Award. The Palulap Award is presented to a member of the community of Guam who has made extraordinary contributions to the protection and promotion of the fundamental academic principles of the University of Guam, including academic freedom, institutional integrity, institutional and individual autonomy, and shared academic governance.

The award includes a medallion and plaque, each engraved with a figure of Palulap, the legendary Micronesian navigator.

Nominations are solicited annually, although the award is only granted when a nominee unequivocally meets the award criteria.

The deadline to submit nominations is 5pm on Friday, Feb. 15.

For more information, visit www.uog.edu/faculty-senate/pallulap-award, call 735-2998, or email oranae@triton.uog.edu. ***(PR)***

"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words but to live by them."

—John F. Kennedy

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for electing me as your Senator in the 21st CNMI Legislature. My family, committee and I are immensely grateful to the family, friends, and loyal supporters who so generously contributed their time and effort to our campaign during this election season. I am both humbled and honored that you have placed your confidence and support in me and by the trust that you have instilled in me.

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Thank You, Si Yu'us Ma'ase, Ghillisow and Salamat Po.

Ana Demapan Castro
Saipan & NMI Municipal Council-elect

NMCB 1 takes charge of Tinian recovery efforts

TINIAN—Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 1, Detachment Guam, assumed responsibility for ongoing relief efforts on Tinian during a relief-in-place and transfer of authority ceremony with the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit last Nov. 14. During the ceremony, Lt. Cmdr. Pete Smagur, officer in charge of NMCB 1, Detachment Guam, assumed responsibility from Marine Col. Robert Brodie and the 31st MEU as recovery efforts continue on Tinian.

"The Marines did an outstanding job assisting our neighbors and I am proud of the work we accomplished," said Brodie. "I am supremely confident that Lt. Cmdr. Smagur and his team will knock it out of the park on continuing the mission to repair homes and reconstruct roofs damaged from the typhoon."

After Super Typhoon Yutu hit the island late last month, Marines with the Okinawa-based 31st MEU and Combat Logistics Battalion 31, Seabees from NMCB 1, and airmen from 36th Civil Engineer Squadron, 36th Medical Group and 36th Contingency Response Group began Defense Support of Civil Authorities relief efforts on Oct. 29. During a several-weekslong sprint, the joint-service contingent cleared roads, assembled Federal Emergency Management Agency-provided shelters for displaced families, cleared debris from schools and government buildings and provided water and power for the community.

"We were able to take a truly devastated island and successfully assist the community due to the collaboration between service members from the Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force," said Brodie.

NMCB 1, Detachment Guam, will continue as the command element for Joint Task Group Tinian, constructing temporary roofs on damaged homes across the island.

As Smagur assumed command, he spoke about the work that already occurred and his team's willingness to continue the effort.

"It's been an honor to serve alongside the Marines and airmen in the initial disaster recovery phase of this operation. With the routes cleared and temporary life support services in place, we're looking forward to getting the Seabees out in the field to construct temporary roofs for our neighbors" said Smagur.

Service members from the Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force produced more than 61,000 gallons of potable water, assembled more than 196 emergency shelters, and cleared 62 miles of roadway, moving 160,000 cubic feet of debris left by Yutu.

Service members from Joint Region Marianas and U.S. Indo-Pacific Command are providing Department of Defense support to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands' civil and local officials as part of the FEMA-supported Super Typhoon Yutu recovery efforts. ***(Petty Officer 2nd Class Kelsey Hockenberger)***

NEWS BRIEFS

Flags return to full-staff today

All CNMI and U.S. flags that were lowered to half-staff starting since Nov. 11 as a mark of respect for the memory and longstanding service of Oscar C. Rasa will return to full-staff today, Nov. 19, at sunset. Rasa, the first speaker of the CNMI Legislature House of Representatives, died on Nov. 11. ***(Saipan Tribune)***

Military to conduct training in Agat Bay

ASAN, Guam—The U.S. military will conduct training in the vicinity of Agat Bay in Guam on Nov. 20 from 5pm to 8pm. These types of trainings are designed to enhance the readiness of military personnel. Residents in surrounding areas should not be alarmed if they see or hear increased activity associated with the training. It is recommended the general public, fishermen and marine tour operators monitor the Coast Guard broadcast notice to mariners for advisories. ***(PR)***

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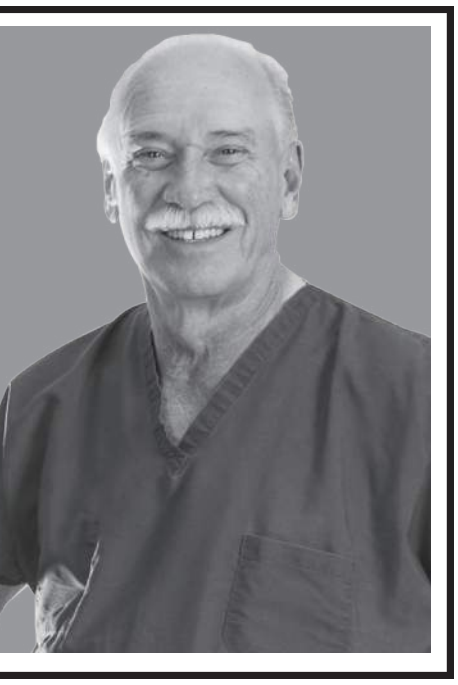

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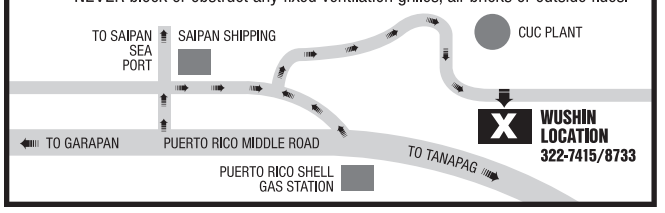

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The Rohingya shouldn't go back to Myanmar until they can be assured they won't be killed or raped

The Rohingya Muslims have endured more than a year of savagery at the hands of the Myanmar military, which has burned their villages, killed and raped their people, and driven about 700,000 of them out of the country in what amounts to a campaign of ethnic cleansing. What refuge they could find has been in Bangladesh, in crowded camps near the seaside city of Cox's Bazar. Eager to move them out, Bangladeshi officials had planned with the Myanmar government to begin repatriating some Rohingya on Thursday, despite the strenuous objections of human rights groups that warned it wouldn't be safe. Those plans were put on hold when, not surprisingly, officials could find no one who wanted to return to the country where they had just been persecuted and tortured and had their homes destroyed.

The repatriation efforts should not simply be paused; they should be abandoned until the Myanmar government, which has a shameful history of discrimination and violence against the Rohingya, reins in the military and provides for the Rohingya's safe return to their villages.

And that does not include simply shuffling them from one miserable refugee camp in Bangladesh to another in Myanmar, where thousands of Rohingya already are forced to live in camps. According to reports from observers in Myanmar—also known as Burma—the government has been readying "transit camps" for Rohingya who return from Bangladesh. That's just wrong. People should be allowed to go back to their villages and housing should be rebuilt for them there. And they need the protection of United Nations or humanitarian-group monitors onsite.

All this is part of an appalling humanitarian crisis that has long afflicted the stateless Rohingya, who have been denied citizenship in a country with a Buddhist majority population that resents their presence and considers them illegal immigrants. A deadly attack on several Myanmar government security posts by Rohingya rebels in August of 2017 set off the last epic round of violence. But the government's scorched earth response was orders of magnitude more brutal than the initial violence.

Myanmar leader Aung San Suu Kyi's continued refusal to condemn the military's campaign of violence and to safeguard the Rohingya is unconscionable and appalling to all who have revered the Nobel Peace Prize winner. When Vice President Mike Pence told Suu Kyi at a summit of Southeast Asian nations that the violence that drove the Rohingya out of Myanmar was "without excuse," Suu Kyi gave a bristly response. Amnesty International recently stripped her of its highest award, saying that she no longer was a courageous defender of human rights. She needs to show the world that she remembers how to be one.

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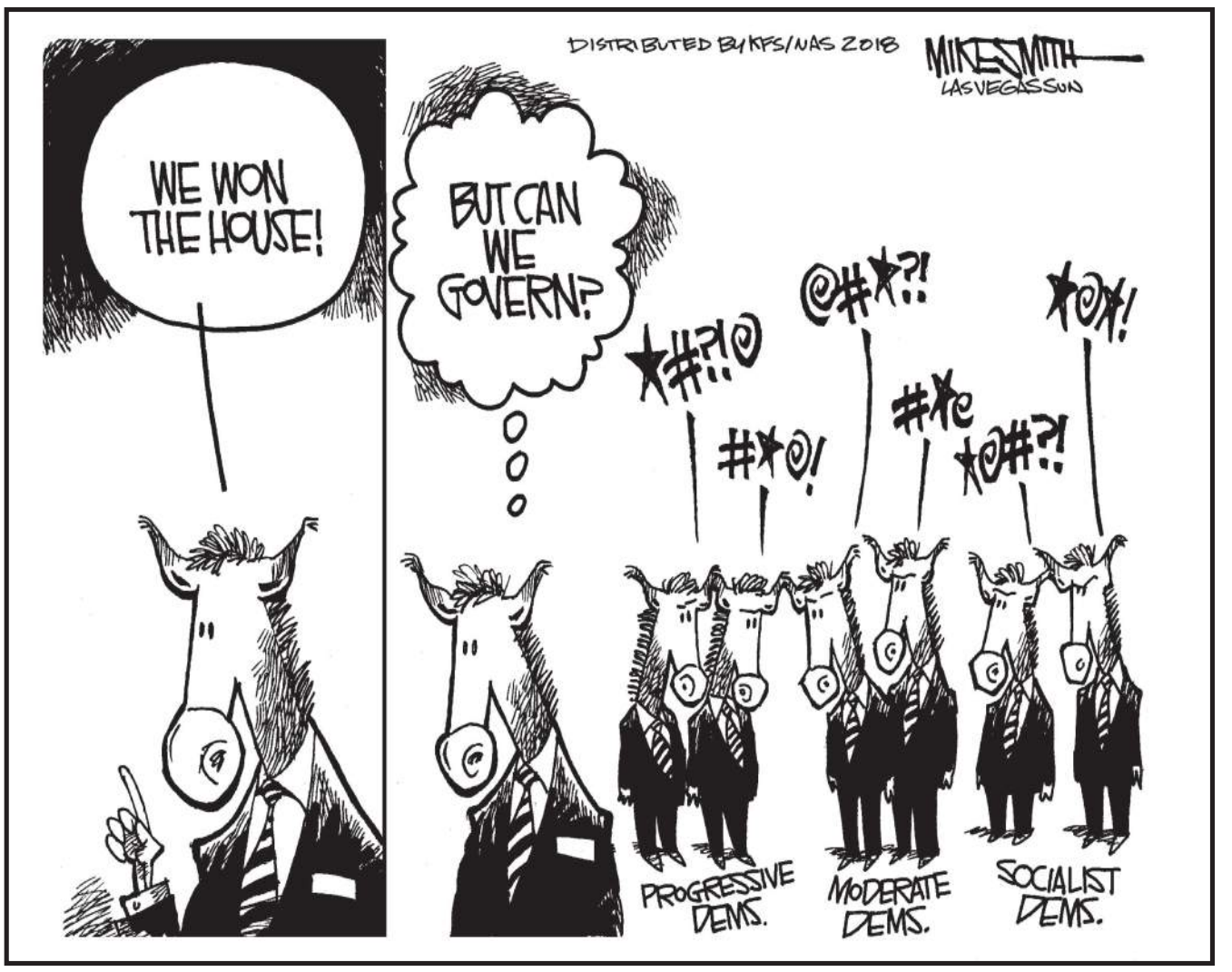

Your Medicare costs in 2019

By GREG DILL
Special to the Saipan Tribune

Greg Dill is Medicare's regional administrator for Arizona, California, Nevada, Hawaii, and the Pacific territories. You can always get answers to your Medicare questions by calling 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227).

As we head into the holiday season, I wanted to let you know how much your Medicare will cost in 2019.

Most people with Medicare will pay the standard monthly premium for Medicare Part B, which will be $135.50 next year, an increase of $1.50 over 2018.

Part B covers physician services, outpatient hospital services, some home health services, durable medical equipment, and certain other medical and health services not covered by Medicare Part A.

Your Part B premium is based on your income. People whose tax returns show income equal to or higher than $85,000 pay higher premiums. These income-adjusted premiums apply to about 5 percent of all Medicare beneficiaries.

The premiums for higher-income beneficiaries for 2019 can be found here: https://www.cms.gov/newsroom/fact-sheets/2019-medicare-parts-b-premiums-and-deductibles.

The annual deductible for Part B is $185 in 2019, an increase of $2 from 2018.

Medicare Part A covers inpatient hospital, skilled nursing, and some home health services. The vast majority of Medicare beneficiaries don't have to pay Part A premiums since they or their spouses paid Medicare payroll taxes for at least 40 quarters (10 years).

The Part A inpatient hospital deductible that beneficiaries pay when admitted to the hospital will be $1,364 in 2019, a $24 increase over 2018.

There are two ways to get your Medicare benefits: Original Medicare and Medicare Advantage.

With Original Medicare, you can choose any doctor, hospital, or other healthcare provider you want, as long as they accept Medicare. When you receive medical services or goods, Medicare pays the provider directly. About 70 percent of all Medicare beneficiaries have Original Medicare.

The other way to get your benefits is Medicare Advantage, which is a form of managed care, like an HMO or PPO. Medicare Advantage is provided by private insurance companies approved by Medicare. If you're in Medicare Advantage, you generally must go to doctors and other providers in the company's network.

If you go outside the network, you may have to pay more.

On the other hand, Medicare Advantage plans may offer some services—such as dental, hearing, vision, and prescription drug coverage—that Original Medicare doesn't.

Most people with Original Medicare pay a monthly Part B premium. If you're in Medicare Advantage, you may have to pay an additional monthly premium to the private insurer that covers you.

With Original Medicare, you or your supplemental insurance must pay deductibles, co-pays, and coinsurance.

To cover these "gaps" in Medicare, some people buy supplemental insurance called Medigap. If you have a Medigap policy, Medicare pays its share of covered costs, and then your Medigap policy pays its share.

Original Medicare doesn't cover prescription drugs. If you want drug coverage, you can buy a separate Medicare Part D plan. Such plans are sold through private insurers approved by Medicare. You have to pay an additional monthly premium for Part D.

On average, Medicare Advantage premiums in 2019 are projected to decrease by six percent to $28, from an average of $29.81 in 2018.

Some plans are providing new types of benefits in 2019, including:

Adult day care services, in-home support services, caregiver support services, home-based palliative care and therapeutic massage; and

Reduced cost sharing and additional benefits for enrollees with certain conditions, such as diabetes and congestive heart failure.

The average monthly basic premium for Part D prescription drug plans is expected to fall from $33.59 this year to $32.50 next year. This is the second year in a row that average Part D premiums have declined.

And while we're talking about costs, don't forget that Medicare Open Enrollment season is here, and lasts until Dec. 7, 2018.

This is the time each year when you can shop around for a new Medicare Advantage health plan or Part D drug plan that better meets your health needs and pocketbook.

To help you, we've developed an online calculator that can give you an idea of how much you'll pay out-of-pocket for a Medicare Advantage plan versus Original Medicare plus a Part D plan and a Medigap plan.

You can access the calculator at https://www.medicare.gov/oopc/.

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The view from China: Will Trump and Xi avoid a new Cold War?

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BEIJING—The queues of Chinese tourists eager to visit Mao Zedong's mausoleum in the center of Beijing's Tiananmen Square start building at 7 a.m. and the wait can be three hours. The tourist shops along one side of the square are filled with glossy pendants that feature Mao on one side, and Chinese president Xi Jinping on the other.

Those pendants are fixed in my mind on my return from my latest trip to China, as the clock ticks down to a critical meeting between Xi and President Trump at the G-20 summit in Argentina at the end of November. The Mao factor must be addressed.

The outcome of that meeting will reveal whether there is a chance of avoiding an all-out trade war between Washington and Beijing—and whether Trump or Xi have the will to head off a U.S.-China cold war. Much will depend on whether Trump's mistaken belief he is "winning" the trade battle has convinced him that tariffs alone will force Chinese submission. But much will also depend on whether Xi's concentration of power in his own hands, in imitation of "leader for life" Mao, convinces him he is strong enough to resist real compromise with Washington.

What I heard from Chinese officials, think tanks, and academics – and from U.S. businessmen in the country – made me pessimistic about the road ahead.

The atmosphere was clearly more repressive, with the internet more tightly controlled, and a handful of once daring news outlets muzzled. Gone was the open atmosphere of my first trip, in 1986, in the era of Deng Xiaoping's "opening," when strangers on the street would talk openly about their suffering under Mao's cultural revolution. Gone was the political ferment of the mid and late 1990s, when mid-level officials speculated that village and town elections might lead to greater democracy.

Gone was the hopefulness of the 2000s, when I met with activists from environmental and health NGOs, and students of public interest law who were teaching peasants their legal rights to compensation when developers seized their lands. Non-governmental organizations have been curbed, while student activists are now arrested.

Chinese officials and think-tankers repeated almost identical talking points (a reflection, I was told, of Xi's efforts to strengthen the Communist Party line). Almost all refused to be quoted on the record, even when they hewed to official lingo. They flatly refused to admit that China has become a global superpower or a competitor, has stolen technology, or forced U.S. companies to transfer it. They insisted that Beijing plays by the international rulebook.

Meantime, academics downplayed the situation. "I disagree that the United States and China are locked in a Thucydides Trap," said Zha Daojiong, professor of international relations at prestigious Peking University, referring to the thesis that a rising power must inevitably clash with a declining hegemon. "That is lazy thinking," he continued. "Why should we gear for total war? There are a large group of Chinese who promote the same argument, with comparable rhetoric. But the US and China are separated by an ocean. We should just relax."

Yet other academics admitted they were far from relaxed. They privately worried about Xi's open declaration of intent to outstrip America in technology and displace its influence in Asia and beyond. They also expressed concern that decades of academic cooperation and student exchanges with U.S. universities could be jeopardized.

Most stunning was the anger I heard from U.S. business people. On previous trips, I had heard hopefulness that the Chinese government would finally play by World Trade Organization rules and provide U.S. companies with the open access that Chinese companies provide here. There was still hope that China would cease forcing U.S. companies to share technology and stop unfair government subsidies to Chinese competitors. Those hopes were gone.

Despite concern that Trump's tariffs might boomerang, I heard repeated (off the record) cheers that Washington was finally talking tough to Beijing.

Former Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson, long an open-trade champion, echoed these sentiments in a speech this month in Singapore, saying: "How can it be that those who know China best, work there, do business there, make money there, and have advocated for productive relations in the past, are among those now arguing for more confrontation?" His answer: because China has refused to open its economy.

"American business doesn't want a tariff war," Paulson said, "but it does want a more aggressive approach from our government."

Which brings us back to the Trump-Xi meeting in Buenos Aires. The stonewalling in Beijing offers little prospect of real progress, but Trump's fixation on tariffs alone won't advance the ball either.

China experts widely agree that Beijing can withstand the tariffs. What would make a stronger impact would be a U.S.-led coalition of Asian nations that pressured China in unison on its economic (and military) predation.

Instead, Trump failed to attend two key Asian summits last week, leaving the impression that he intends to tackle China solo. Those two-sided Mao-Xi medallions should serve as a warning: a one-on-one confrontation with Mao-wannabe Xi isn't likely to work.

Stan Lee's work a reflection of his times

By JONAH GOLDBERG
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Jonah Goldberg's new book, Suicide of the West, *is now available wherever books are sold. You can write to him in care of this newspaper or by e-mail at goldbergcolumn@gmail.com, or via Twitter @JonahNRO.*

Stan Lee, the reinventor of the comic book, died Monday at the ripe old age of 95.

Comic books get a bad rap, although not nearly as bad as they used to. There was a time when comic books were the cause of an all-out moral panic. After the release of psychiatrist Fred Wertham's book "The Seduction of the Innocent," the Senate held hearings to grapple with the alleged moral rot of comics, which were supposedly fueling juvenile delinquency and moral degeneracy. Batman and Robin, you see, were secretly gay. Superman was an un-American ersatz fascist.

"Superman (with the big S on his uniform—we should, I suppose, be thankful that it is not an S.S.) needs an endless stream of ever new submen, criminals and 'foreign-looking' people not only to justify his existence but even to make it possible," Wertham wrote.

The Comics Code Authority was established in 1954 to protect children from consuming Satan's apple in cartoon form.

As silly as all that was, at least the anti-comic puritans took comic books seriously. And while Wertham et al. went too far in the wrong direction, comics are an important window into our society.

Prior to Stan Lee and Marvel Comics, superheroes were fairly two-dimensional characters. Superman was, well, just super at everything. He fought for "truth, justice and the American way." He was also a kind of super-moralist, always knowing instantly what was right. Some writers claim he was the first "social justice warrior."

In Superman's first adventure (Action Comics No. 1), long before he ever battled Lex Luther, he saved a woman from being wrongly executed, stopped a senator from being blackmailed and protected a woman from her abusive husband. "Delivering justice, protecting family and stopping corruption, Superman represented the newly expanded New Deal state," observed Benjamin Moore in The Washington Post.

The New Deal was a real-world example of political philosopher Michael Oakeshott called "politics as the crow flies"—a rationalist approach that tries to use the state as an active participant in life to achieve desirable ends without much concern for the means. It should be no surprise that Superman transitioned from New Deal warrior to World War II warrior. He was fighting Nazis long before American troops were.

Lee grew up professionally in this "Golden Age" of comics, but he also rebelled against it. While a member of the so-called Greatest Generation, Lee better represented the more ironic attitudes of the postwar generation. His superheroes struggled with their powers and their moral responsibilities. Spider-Man, the quintessential Marvel character (at least until the introduction of Wolverine) was a nerdy, angst-ridden teenager who only reluctantly accepted his role and the idea that "with great power comes great responsibility." Lee's heroes quarreled with each other, had romantic setbacks and sometimes even struggled to make the rent.

The baby boomers, Lee's target audience, were plagued with a great unease about living up to the legacy of their parents' generation. "We are people of this generation," begins the Port Huron Statement, the 1962 manifesto that largely launched the '60s protest era, "bred in at least modest comfort, housed now in universities, looking uncomfortably to the world we inherit." They believed they were special but didn't know exactly what to do about it.

This kind of ambiguity suffused Marvel's storylines. The X-Men were mutants, a government-persecuted minority community, bitterly divided between assimilationists and rejectionists. Their powers were a thinly veiled metaphor for the confusion of puberty. The Thing, constantly harassed by a local street gang, hated that he had become a grotesque, but when given the choice of becoming human again, he opted to keep his powers.

Captain America debuted in his own comic by punching Hitler in the face on the cover, but by Vietnam he was emoting, "I'm like a dinosaur—in the cro-magnon age! An anachronism—who's out-lived his time! This is the day of the anti-hero—the age of the rebel—and the dissenter! It isn't hip—to defend the establishment!—only to tear it down! And, in a world rife with injustice, greed, and endless war—who's to say the rebels are wrong? ... I've spent a lifetime defending the flag—and the law! Perhaps I should have battled less—and questioned more!"

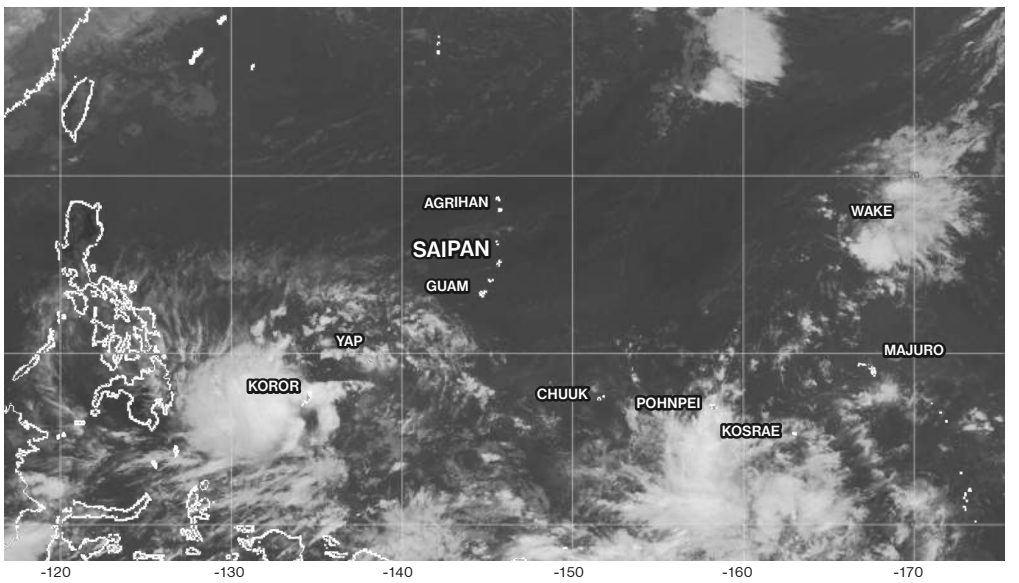
Of course, there was plenty of fighting, derring-do and onomatopoetic "pows," "bamfs" and "snikts." But future historians looking to understand the near-century of Lee's lifetime would be well-advised to look at his life's work.\

The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. Northeast winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. Northeast winds 15 to 20 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Breezy and mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms.	Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms.
▲89° ▼78°	▲89° ▼78°	▲89° ▼78°	▲88° ▼77°	▲88° ▼78°

YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE



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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Dry weather will persist over the Marianas the next few days. The band of showers trailing north and northeast of 98C has reformed farther south with showers between 13N and 15N having slowly diminished. A change in pattern is still expected late in the week as 92W eventually moves WNW-NW. Models are still in surprising agreement with the circulation passing between Guam and Yap sometime Thu or Fri, but vary in intensity. Have increased POPs to 50 for Thu night and Fri to indicate the more likely period of showers. Depending on how long 92W sits south of Kosrae, the arrival of increased winds and showers may need to be pushed back a bit.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

MICRONESIA		▲ ▼ °F
Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	87° / 79°
Palau	Thunderstorms	86° / 78°
Yap	Thunderstorms	87° / 80°
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	85° / 79°
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	87° / 76°
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	87° / 76°
Majuro	Thunderstorms	85° / 80°

AROUND THE GLOBE		▲ ▼ °F
Auckland	Showers	61° / 52°
Beijing	Partly Cloudy	48° / 25°
Hong Kong	Showers	79° / 70°
Honolulu	Mostly Sunny	81° / 72°
London	Cloudy	46° / 39°
Los Angeles	Mostly Sunny	72° / 53°
Manila	Partly Cloudy	90° / 77°
Melbourne	Rain	77° / 54°
Miami	Showers	80° / 73°
New York	Partly Cloudy	47° / 31°
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	63° / 48°
Paris	Partly Cloudy	45° / 32°
Busan	Partly Cloudy	57° / 43°
Rome	Partly Cloudy	57° / 48°
Salem	Partly Cloudy	65° / 43°
San Francisco	Sunny	62° / 45°
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	52° / 34°
Tokyo	Mostly Sunny	59° / 48°
Washington, DC	Partly Cloudy	50° / 31°

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04:33 AM	HIGH TIDE	1.44
10:29 AM	LOW TIDE	0.56
4:54 PM	HIGH TIDE	1.91
11:40 PM	LOW TIDE	0.43

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	6:20 AM	5:43 PM
Tuesday	6:20 AM	5:43 PM
Wednesday	6:21 AM	5:43 PM
Thursday	6:21 AM	5:43 PM
Friday	6:22 AM	5:43 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	-	2:29 AM	2:59 PM
Tuesday	-	3:19 AM	3:38 PM
Wednesday	-	4:11 AM	4:20 PM
Thursday	-	5:05 AM	5:05 PM
Friday	-	6:01 AM	5:54 PM

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FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF NOVEMBER 1, 2018

DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA117	9:15am	9:55am	Daily
UA105	6:25pm	7:05pm	2, 4

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

– temporarily suspended

7C3451	3:15am	6:30am	Daily

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

– ALL FLIGHTS temporarily suspended

TW9308	1:10am	4:10am	3, 4
TW308	1:35am	5:20am	Daily
OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ626	2:50am	6:40am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
TW9308	3:20am	6:30am	2
TW9308	3:25am	6:30am	5
7C3403	4:35am	8:25am	Daily
7C3401	4:30pm	8:25pm	Daily

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

– temporarily suspended

3U8648	6:10am	8:30am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-HANGZHOU (HGH)

– temporarily suspended

JD396	7:30am	11:00am	1
JD396	4:50pm	7:55pm	4

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

– temporarily suspended

3U8646	4:20am	7:35am	2, 6

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

– temporarily suspended

MU764	1:30am	6:00am	3, 5, 7

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

UA117/183	9:15am	9:40pm	2, 5 via GUM
UA117/183	9:15am	9:50pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA117/193	9:15am	11:50pm	2, 5 via GUM-ROR
UA105/183	6:25pm	9:50pm	2, 4 via GUM

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

UA117/159	9:15am	11:00pm	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via GUM
UA105/159	6:25pm	11:00pm	2, 4 via GUM

Temporarily suspended:

HX077	2:00am	5:00am	1, 4
UO43	5:40am	8:40am	1, 3, 5, 7

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA174	7:30am	8:11am	Daily
UA104	4:50pm	5:31pm	2, 4

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

– temporarily suspended

7C3452	9:35pm	2:00am+1	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
7C3452	10:05pm	2:00am+1	1

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

– ALL FLIGHTS temporarily suspended

7C3402	10:10am	3:30pm	Daily
TW9307	6:30pm	12:10am+1	2, 3
TW307	7:00pm	12:35am+1	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
TW307	7:05pm	12:35am+1	1
OZ625	7:40pm	1:00am+1	7
OZ625	8:20pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
TW9307	9:00pm	2:20am+1	1
TW9307	9:05pm	2:25am+1	4
7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

– temporarily suspended

3U8647	10:30pm	4:30am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

HANGZHOU (HGH)-SAIPAN

– temporarily suspended

JD395	8:05am	3:30pm	4
JD395	9:35pm	5:00am+1	7

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

– temporarily suspended

3U8645	8:20pm	2:50am+1	1, 5

BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

– temporarily suspended

MU763	4:55pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

UA182/174	12:40am	8:11am+1	3, 6 via GUM
PR110/UA174	10:05pm	8:11am+1	Daily via GUM
UA192/174	10:30pm	8:11am+1	2, 5 via GUM-ROR
UA184/174	10:55pm	8:11am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM

HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

UA116/174	11:45pm	8:11am+1	2, 4, 6 via GUM
UA116/174	11:55pm	8:11am+1	1, 3, 5 via GUM

Temporarily suspended:

HX07	5:15pm	12:15am+1	3, 7
UO42	6:50pm	1:45am+1	7
UO42	9:30pm	4:25am+1	2, 4, 6

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U Sichuan Airlines, 7C Jeju Air, DL Delta Airlines, JD Beijing Capital, UO HK Express, HX HongKong Airlines, MU China Eastern, OZ Asiana Airlines, TW t'way Air, UA United Airlines, PR PAL Express; ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. *(The* Saipan Tribune *is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)*

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SAIPAN TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
1301	7:30AM	8:00AM	Daily
1302	11:30AM	12:00PM	Daily
1303	4:00PM	4:30PM	Daily

ROTA TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
3101	8:15AM	8:45AM	Daily
3102	1:45PM	2:15PM	Daily
3103	4:45PM	5:15PM	Daily

ROTA TO GUAM

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
3401	12:15PM	12:45PM	Daily

GUAM TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
4301	1:00PM	1:30PM	Daily

SAIPAN TO TINIAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
1201	7:00AM	7:15AM	Daily
1202	8:00AM	8:15AM	Daily
1203	9:00AM	9:15AM	Daily
1204	10:00AM	10:15AM	Daily
1205	11:00AM	11:15AM	Daily
1206	12:00PM	12:15PM	Daily
1207	1:00PM	1:15PM	Daily
1208	2:00PM	2:15PM	Daily
1209	3:00PM	3:15PM	Daily
1210	4:00PM	4:15PM	Daily
1211	5:00PM	5:15PM	Daily
1212	6:00PM	6:15PM	Daily

TINIAN TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
2102	7:30AM	7:45AM	Daily
2103	8:30AM	8:45AM	Daily
2104	9:30AM	9:45AM	Daily
2105	10:30AM	10:45AM	Daily
2106	11:30AM	11:45AM	Daily
2107	12:30PM	12:45PM	Daily
2108	1:30PM	1:45PM	Daily
2109	2:30PM	2:45PM	Daily
2110	3:30PM	3:45PM	Daily
2111	4:30PM	4:45PM	Daily
2112	5:30PM	5:45PM	Daily
2113	6:30PM	6:45PM	Daily

IPI's relief and recovery work on Saipan

Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC's Corporate Social Responsibility Team has expanded its outreach by assisting the community in its recovery work following the devastation of Super Typhoon Yutu.

From Nov. 2 to 15, Imperial Pacific's Corporate Social Responsibility program aided the CNMI community through a pioneering initiative called the Community Service Program.

With over 100 Imperial Pacific employees enrolled in the program, Imperial Pacific's CSR program was able to deploy volunteers to various missions in support and in partnership with various organizations' relief and recovery work.

Through the Community Service Program, Imperial Pacific was able to provide volunteer work that includes: preparation of public schools that will serve as long-term shelters, distribution of food, water and personal hygiene items to households, restoration of the damaged collection of the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library, partnered with the Marianas Young Professionals in village cleanup and food distribution, partnered with the CNMI Public School System in ensuring public schools are ready for re-opening, Tank Beach and Marine Beach cleanup, volunteer work with Salvation Army, and assisting in the distribution of relief goods in the northern, southern and central villages of Saipan. ***(PR)***

Restoration of damaged collection at the only public library in the CNMI, the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC Corporate Social Responsibility team members distribute relief assistance in Koblerville, one of the hardest hit villages on Saipan. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC Community Service Program volunteers are briefed before the massive outreach work that were held simultaneously in the villages of Koblerville, San Antonio, and Afetna. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC Corporate Social Responsibility team members prepare the distribution of relief assistance in Tanapag village. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

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Personal hygiene distribution in Koblerville.

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Pacific Rim summit highlights strained China-US relations

PORT MORESBY, Papua New Guinea (AP)—A meeting of world leaders in Papua New Guinea has highlighted divisions between global powers the U.S. and China and a growing competition for influence in the usually neglected South Pacific.

The 21 nations at the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation summit in Port Moresby struggled to bridge differences on issues such as trade protectionism and reforming the World Trade Organization, making it likely their final statement Sunday will be an anodyne document.

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PORT MORESBY, Papua New Guinea (AP)—Chinese President Xi Jinping and U.S. Vice President Mike Pence traded barbs in speeches at a summit of world leaders Saturday, outlining competing visions for global leadership as trade and other tensions between them simmer.

Pence said there would be no letup in President Donald Trump's policy of combating China's mercantilist trade policy and intellectual property theft that has erupted into a tit-for-tat tariff war between the two world powers this year.

The U.S. has imposed additional tariffs on $250 billion of Chinese goods and China has retaliated. Pence reiterated Trump administration threats to more than double the penalties.

"The United States, though, will not change course until China changes its ways," Pence said, accusing Beijing of intellectual property theft, unprecedented subsidies for state businesses and "tremendous" barriers to foreign companies entering its giant market.

Pence announced the U.S. would be involved in ally Australia's plan to develop a naval base in Papua New Guinea, where the summit is being held. China has been intensely wooing Papua New Guinea and other Pacific island nations with aid and loans for infrastructure.

"Our vision for a free and open Indo-Pacific will prevail," Pence said.

■■■

U.S. Vice President Mike Pence and China's President Xi Jinping traded barbs in speeches on Saturday. Pence professed respect for Xi and China but also harshly criticized the world's No. 2 economy for intellectual property theft, forced technology transfers and unfair trading practices.

In Port Moresby, the impact of China's aid and loans is highly visible. But the U.S. and allies are countering with efforts to finance infrastructure in Papua New Guinea and other island states. The U.S. has also said it will be involved in ally Australia's plan to develop a naval base with Papua New Guinea.

On Sunday, the U.S., New Zealand, Japan and Australia said they'd work with Papua New Guinea's government to bring electricity to 70 percent of its people by 2030. Less than 20 percent have a reliable electricity supply.

"The commitment of the United States of America to this region of the world has never been stronger," said Pence at a signing ceremony. A separate statement from his office said other countries are welcome to join the electrification initiative provided they support the U.S. vision of a free and open Pacific.

China, meanwhile, has promised $4 billion of finance to build the first national road network in Papua New Guinea, among the least urbanized countries in the world.

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In this Nov. 14, 2018, photo, cranes rise above a building with banners in Chinese and English and being built by Chinese state-owned construction firm China Railway Group Limited in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea.

Brexit, Italy, trade: Risks piling up for Europe's economy

FRANKFURT, Germany (AP)—Europe's five-year economic expansion is facing a mid-life crisis as it copes with potential debt troubles in Italy, a U.S.-China trade war and the risk of a disorderly British exit from the European Union.

How those risks play out will decide whether the economic upswing that began in early 2013 and has created 9.5 million more jobs ages gracefully for several more years—or meets an early demise.

The economy of the 19 countries that use the euro stumbled in July-September, when quarterly growth halved to 0.2 percent. Some see that as a natural slowdown after much stronger, trade-fueled expansion of 0.7 percent at the end of last year.

But worries rose this week after new data showed Germany's economy, the currency union's largest, shrank 0.2 percent in the third quarter. Much of the fall can be attributed to delays faced by major automakers like Daimler and Volkswagen in getting cars certified under new emissions rules. However, a slowdown in exports also played a role, raising questions of how much more pain the U.S. trade war and uncertainties like Brexit could create for Europe's many exporters.

Holger Schmieding, chief economist at Berenberg Bank in London, says that surveys of business activity "point to a further loss of momentum in late 2018."

A key risk is the conflict between Italy's populist government, which wants to spend more on social welfare, and the European Union's executive Commission, which is demanding Italy lower its budget deficit under the rules that go with belonging to the euro. The danger is that if the Italian government persists in running larger deficits, its borrowing costs rise to unsustainable levels and the country is unable to roll over its debt at an affordable interest rate. Debt costs spiked in 2011 but fell after a reform-minded government took office and the European Central Bank promised to backstop the debt of countries that are facing high debt costs but show a willingness to correct their finances.

Italy is "the most serious risk facing the eurozone," Schmieding says.

He says an Italian financial crisis could erupt next year, but that it is more likely that the country would muddle through until a new recession—perhaps in 2021—exposes the weaknesses in the economy.

Then there's Brexit. European officials are waiting to see if Prime Minister Theresa May can push through a deal on an orderly exit from the European Union. If the deal is rejected in parliament, in a vote that could be held in December, Britain could wind up leaving in March 2019 without a settled trade relationship with its biggest trading partner, the EU. That could reinstate tariffs and border checks on trade worth hundreds of billions of dollars.

Add to that the trade conflict between the U.S. and China. President Donald Trump has imposed new import taxes on Chinese goods, and the Chinese have responded with tariffs of their own. Europe is getting sideswiped by the U.S.-China collision as global trade slows.

Florida sues Walgreens, CVS over opioid sales

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP)—Florida is suing the nation's two largest drugstore chains, Walgreens and CVS, alleging they added to the state and national opioid crisis by overselling painkillers and not taking precautions to stop illegal sales.

Attorney General Pam Bondi announced late Friday that she has added the companies to a state-court lawsuit filed last spring against Purdue Pharma, the maker of OxyContin, and several opioid distributors.

Bondi said in a press release that CVS and Walgreens "played a role in creating the opioid crisis." She said the companies failed to stop "suspicious orders of opioids" and "dispensed unreasonable quantities of opioids from their pharmacies." On average, about 45 people die nationally each day because of opioid overdoses, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

"We will continue to pursue those companies that played a role in creating the opioid crisis," said Bondi, who has been mentioned as a possible replacement by President Donald Trump for recently ousted U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions. "Thousands of Floridians have suffered as a result of the actions of the defendants."

CVS spokesman Mike DeAngelis called the lawsuit "without merit" in a statement Saturday. He said the company trains its pharmacists and their assistants about their responsibilities when dispensing controlled substances and gives them tools to detect potentially illegal sales.

"Over the past several years, CVS has taken numerous actions to strengthen our existing safeguards to help address the nation's opioid epidemic," DeAngelis said.

Walgreens said Saturday it doesn't comment on pending lawsuits.

Until a law enforcement crackdown at the beginning of the decade, Florida was known for its so-called pain mills. Drug dealers from throughout the country would send associates to store-front clinics where unscrupulous doctors would write opioid prescriptions for bogus injuries and illnesses. At one point, 90 of the nation's top 100 opioid prescribers were Florida doctors, according to federal officials.

After receiving the prescriptions, the phony patients would buy the pills from Florida pharmacies—state law says pharmacists must refuse to fill prescriptions they suspect are not for a valid purpose. Most of the opioids would then be taken out of state to be resold illegally at huge markups, creating a drug crisis in many communities throughout the Eastern United States.

According to the lawsuit, Walgreens has dispensed billions of opioid dosages from its Florida pharmacies since 2006. The Illinois-based chain is the nation's largest drugstore chain and has more than 13,200 stores globally.

Nation

Death toll rises to 76 in California fire as Trump visits

CHICO, Calif. (AP)—Nearly 1,300 people remain unaccounted for and the death toll from the country's deadliest wildfire in a century climbed to 76, authorities said Saturday, hours after President Donald Trump surveyed what remained of a decimated Northern California community.

Butte County Sheriff Kory Honea pleaded with fire evacuees to check the roster of people reported as unreachable by family and friends and to call in if they are safe. Deputies have located hundreds of people to date, but the overall number keeps growing because officials are adding names, including those reported as missing during the disaster's chaotic early hours, Honea said.

"It's really very important for you to take a look at the list and call us if you're on the list," he said.

The remains of five more people were found Saturday, including four in the decimated town of Paradise and one in nearby Concow, bringing the number of dead to 76.

Honea said among the dead was Lolene Rios, 56, whose son Jed tearfully told KXTV in Sacramento that his mother "had endless amount of love for me."

Trump toured the area Saturday, joined by California's outgoing and incoming governors, both Democrats who have traded sharp barbs with the Republican administration. He also visited Southern California, where firefighters were making progress on a wildfire that tore through communities west of Los Angeles from Thousand Oaks to Malibu, killing three people.

AP

President Donald Trump walks as he visits a neighborhood impacted by the Woolsey Fire, Saturday, Nov. 17, 2018, in Malibu, Calif.

President Donald Trump arrives in California to tour the devastation caused from the nation's deadliest wildfire in a century (Nov. 17)

The president pledged the full support of the federal government. Gov. Jerry Brown and Gov-elect Gavin Newsom thanked him for coming out.

"We've never seen anything like this in California, we've never seen anything like this yet. It's like total devastation," Trump said as he stood amid the ruins of Paradise.

Firefighters are racing to get ahead of strong winds and low humidity expected overnight and into Sunday afternoon. Rain was forecast for midweek, which could help firefighters but also complicate the search for remains.

Northern California's Camp Fire has destroyed nearly 10,000 homes and torched 233 square miles (600 square kilometers). It is 55 percent contained.

The fire zone in Northern California is to some extent Trump country, and that enthusiasm was on display as dozens of people cheered and waved flags as his motorcade went by.

Kevin Cory, a wildfire evacuee who lost his home in Paradise, praised Trump for coming to a state that is often at odds with the White House.

"I think that California's been really horrible to him and the fights. I mean they're suing him," he said. "It's back and forth between the state and the feds. It's not right."

But for the most part, survivors, some who had barely escaped and no longer had homes, were too busy packing up what little they had left or seeking help to pay much attention to the president's visit.

Michelle Mack Couch, 49, waited in line to get into a Federal Emergency Management Agency center in the city of Chico. She needed a walker for her elderly mother and tags for her car.

"Let's hope he gets us some help," said Couch, who voted for Trump and whose house was among those burned down last week.

But as far as taking time out to watch the president, she said wryly, "We don't have a TV anymore."

At an unofficial encampment next to a Walmart store in Chico, many were packing up to find another temporary place to sleep after being told to leave by Sunday.

That included Maggie Missere-Crowder, who said she was focused on getting her tent and boxes of food into her pickup truck.

Missere-Crowder, 61, and her husband had fled their home in Magalia, a community near Paradise that also was devastated, and now planned to go to a shelter in Yuba City, about an hour's drive from the Walmart.

She said she was angry about Trump's tweet last week blaming forest mismanagement for the Nov. 8 fire, a sentiment he evoked in his visit that has stirred resentment among survivors.

"Like we've done it on purpose. It's like a slap in the face," Missere-Crowder said.

In Southern California, Trump also met briefly at an airport hangar with families and first responders touched by the shooting at the Borderline Bar & Grill in Thousand Oaks more than a week ago.

Trump called the shooting at a country music bar, which left 12 dead, "a horrible, horrible event."

Florida's 1st black nominee for gov challenged GOP dominance

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP)—Andrew Gillum, who tried to energize Florida's young and minority voters through a Democratic coalition seeking to end two decades of Republican control of the governor's office, ended his hard-fought campaign Saturday as the state's first black nominee for the post.

Gillum, whose refrain had been "bring it home" as he recounted stories of growing up poor in the state, concluded his campaign with a Facebook video he recorded alongside his wife in a park.

In his four-minute plus video , Gillum congratulated Republican Ron DeSantis and also vowed to remain politically active even though his term as mayor of the Florida capital of Tallahassee ends next week. Of his future plans, Gillum said: "stay tuned."

Gillum, just 39 years old, earned national attention and financial backing from well-known liberal billionaires with his first bid for statewide office. He ran on a liberal platform that included expanding Medicaid and raising taxes to spend more on education even though both ideas would have been hard to pass through the GOP-controlled Legislature.

Democrat Andrew Gillum says he is ending his hard-fought race for Florida governor and has congratulated Republican Ron DeSantis (Nov. 17)

His final act as a candidate was less confrontational than that of another prominent African-American candidate in this year's midterm elections: Stacy Abrams in neighboring Georgia ended her campaign for governor on Friday, ceding to a Republican with an unapologetically indignant tone establishing herself as a leading voting rights advocate.

"This has been the journey of our lives," said Gillum, appearing in the video with his wife, R. Jai Gillum. "Although nobody wanted to be governor more than me that this was not just about an election cycle. This was about creating the type of change in this state that really allows for the voices of everyday people to show up again in our government, in our state, and in our communities. We know that this fight continues."

Gillum's concession came hours before Florida's counties must turn in their official results at noon Sunday after tense days of recounting ballots in both the gubernatorial and a U.S. Senate contest—two nationally watched midterm elections that have keep the presidential swing state on edge since Election Day.

Gillum's brief remarks came hours after President Donald Trump, who at one point in the campaign had sharply criticized Gillum, praised him for running a tough race.

Utah mayor killed in Afghanistan had 'loved Afghan people'

OGDEN, Utah (AP)—A Utah mayor killed while serving in the National Guard in Afghanistan had "loved the Afghan people" and was a man of conviction, confidence and compassion, family and military leaders said at a public funeral Saturday.

Brent Taylor, 39, was a deeply patriotic man who was committed to training commandos as part of an effort to build the capacity of the Afghan national army, Utah Army National Guard Maj. Gen. Jefferson Burton said at the service inside an events center in the northern Utah city of Ogden.

Taylor was killed Nov. 3 in an attack by one of the Afghan commandos he was training, military officials said.

"He was completely committed to going and doing this job," Burton said. "He truly loved the Afghan people and wanted to help them so they could build capacity in themselves and as a nation to be able to stand on their own."

Taylor's casket was draped in an American flag and sat in front of a stage where his father, a local leader with The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, led the services.

The choir sang "America the Beautiful" as the opening hymn and "Born to be a Soldier" to close in a nod to the service's focus on Taylor's love of country and commitment to sacrifice.

His wife, Jennie, didn't speak but has previously said the family felt "heartache but no regret" because Taylor was trying to bring freedom to others.

Besides his wife, Taylor leaves behind their seven children, ranging from 11 months to 13 years old.

The memorial service capped off several days of events to honor Taylor.

Hundreds of soldiers saluted Taylor's flag-covered casket Wednesday as his remains returned to a National Guard base in Salt Lake City. A couple hundred motorcycle riders carrying American flags followed the hearse north to Taylor's hometown of North Ogden in a procession.

On Friday, a National Guard member stood guard over his casket during an all-night vigil at a mortuary.

Taylor had taken yearlong leave of absence as the mayor of North Ogden to go on his second tour to Afghanistan. Taylor, a military intelligence officer with Joint Force Headquarters, also had served two tours in Iraq.

Younger brother Derek Taylor said Brent had a knack for bridging gaps and finding resolutions among people with different views—a talent he developed at the family home where fights and disagreements were frequent. He said his brother always ended their phone conversations with "Love ya, Derek."

Asia

Cyclone kills 13 in southern India, 80K people evacuated

AP

In this grab made from video provided by KK Productions, a motorcycle is covered in debris from a house that collapsed when a cyclone struck Nagapattinam, in the southern Indian state of Tamil Nadu, Friday, Nov. 16, 2018.

NEW DELHI (AP)—A cyclone hit the coast of southern India on Friday, killing at least 13 people, damaging homes and forcing the evacuation of more than 80,000 residents.

Cyclone Gaja blew ashore in Tamil Nadu state with heavy rains and winds of 90 kilometers (55 miles) per hour, said Narendra Kumar, a National Disaster Response Force official. The storm weakened after coming onshore.

People living in low-lying areas had been taken to more than 470 relief centers in six districts, and fishermen were warned to stay away from the sea.

The state's top elected official, K. Palaniswami, told reporters the storm had killed 13 people in the state.

Initial reports indicate the deaths were caused by wall collapses and electrocution, said National Disaster Response Force official Umesh, who uses one name.

The storm felled trees and power lines, and authorities preventively disconnected the electricity supply to the worst-hit areas to prevent electrocutions. Schools were closed in places, and vehicles remained off the roads in most parts of Nagapattinam and Karaikal districts, the Press Trust of India news agency said.

Heavy rains damaged rice fields and roads, and strong winds uprooted banana and papaya trees along the coastline.

Nagapattinam district bore the brunt of the cyclone with a rainfall of 15 centimetres (6 inches), the local weather office said.

The storm heavily damaged a 16th century Roman Catholic Shrine Basilica at Velankanni, a small town in Nagapattinam district, Press Trust of India said.

The cyclone destroyed or partially damaged nearly 1,600 mud huts and uprooted more than 5,000 trees in the area, state authorities said.

State-owned Tamil Nadu Generation and Distribution Corporation said more than 13,000 electricity poles, 13 distribution transformers and 1,000 cables were damaged by strong winds and rains.

Tamil Nadu state is prone to cyclones that develop in the Bay of Bengal. In 1999, a cyclone killed more than 15,000 people in eastern Orissa.

Imelda Marcos posts bail for graft conviction in PH

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Former Philippine first lady Imelda Marcos on Friday posted a $7,400 bail for provisional liberty after she was found guilty of graft and ordered imprisoned.

Marcos, 89, was convicted last week of illegally funneling about $200 million to Swiss foundations in the 1970s when she served as Metropolitan Manila governor while her husband, late dictator Ferdinand Marcos, placed the Philippines under martial law. She was ordered to serve 6 to 11 years in prison for each of the seven counts of violating an anti-corruption law.

The court accepted the bond while it decides on her motion to remain free while she appeals the conviction.

Marcos appeared before the anti-graft Sandiganbayan court in Manila, accompanied by her children and grandsons. She said she failed to attend the reading of her verdict because she wasn't aware of it and also mentioned her frail health.

The presiding judge, Rafael Lagos, noted she was able to attend a birthday party of her daughter. Marcos responded by saying that she received a call from daughter Imee who was "crying ... (that) all the guests are already there."

AP

Protesters display a banner as they picket the anti-graft court Sandiganbayan as former Philippine First Lady Imelda Marcos was ordered to appear to explain her side for not attending last week's promulgation of the graft charges against her Friday, Nov. 16, 2018 in suburban Quezon city northeast of Manila, Philippines.

Anti-Marcos activists and human rights victims have welcomed the conviction as long overdue, although there are doubts she'll be forced to serve prison time given her age and social status.

The court disqualified Marcos from holding public office, but she can remain a member of the powerful House of Representatives while appealing the decision. Her congressional term will end next year but she has registered to run to replace her daughter as governor of northern Ilocos Norte province.

The cases against her were filed in 1991 and took nearly three decades of trial by several judges and prosecutors. She was once convicted of a graft case in 1993, but the Supreme Court later cleared her of any wrongdoing.

Ferdinand Marcos was ousted by an army-backed "people power" revolt in 1986. He died in self-exile in Hawaii in 1989 but his widow and children returned to the Philippines. Most have been elected to public offices in an impressive political comeback.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Sri Lanka president rejects no-confidence on disputed PM

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AP)—Lawmakers in Sri Lanka's Parliament supporting disputed Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa threw books, chairs and chili powder mixed with water to try to block the proceedings on Friday, a day after a fierce brawl between rival lawmakers worsened political turmoil in the island nation. The lawmakers approved a second vote of no confidence against Rajapaksa but Sirsena refused to accept it, saying his advice was not followed, according to his spokesman, Lakshman Yapa Abeywardena. Police who escorted Speaker Karu Jayasuriya into the chamber held boards around him to protect him from being hit by the angry Rajapaksa loyalists, who did not allow him to sit in the speaker's chair. Several opposition lawmakers and policemen were wounded. Sri Lanka has been in a political crisis since Oct. 26, when President Maithripala Sirisena abruptly sacked Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe and appointed Rajapaksa. Wickremesinghe says he still has the support of a majority in Parliament.

Experts weigh the record of Cambodia's Khmer Rouge tribunal

BANGKOK (AP)—After spending nine years and more than $300 million to prosecute leaders of Cambodia's Khmer Rouge responsible for the deaths of 1.7 million of their countrymen, a U.N.-assisted tribunal has ended up convicting only three people for the communist group's heinous actions. Was it worth it? These kinds of proceedings don't run cheap. The longer-running tribunals covering genocide in Rwanda and war crimes in the former Yugoslavia ran up costs of as much as $2 billion—though both tried many more people than were called to account in Cambodia for crimes committed during the 1975-79 regime of the late Khmer Rouge leader Pol Pot. On Friday, the tribunal convicted Nuon Chea, 92, and Khieu Samphan, 87, the last surviving Khmer Rouge leaders, of genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes, and sentenced them to life in prison. The only other person who has been convicted is Kaing Guek Eav, known as Duch, who as head of the Khmer Rouge prison system ran the infamous Tuol Sleng torture center in Phnom Penh. Justice is the primary goal. But international tribunals, trying people accused of crimes on a national scale, also serve to promote human rights and establish a historical record, among other targets.

Afghan official: Taliban target police checkpoint, killing 5

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)—An Afghan official says that at least five police officers have been killed when their checkpoint came under attack by insurgents in the northwestern Badghis province. Abdul Aziz Beg, head of the provincial council, says three other police were wounded and another detained by the Taliban early Saturday morning in the Qadis district. Beg said the gun battle lasted about an hour with casualties among Taliban too, but did not provide an exact figure. Taliban insurgents claimed the attack in Qadis, saying they seized ammunition from the checkpoint. The Taliban in recent years has taken over almost half of the country and have stepped up their attacks on security forces.

World

Migrants get cool reception in Mexican border town

AP

Concertina wire lines the top of a wall at the San Ysidro port of entry Friday, Nov. 16, 2018, in San Diego.

TIJUANA, Mexico (AP)—Many of the nearly 3,000 Central American migrants who have reached the Mexican border with California via caravan said Saturday they do not feel welcome in the city of Tijuana, where hundreds more migrants are headed after more than a month on the road.

The vast majority were camped at an outdoor sports complex, sleeping on a dirt baseball field and under bleachers with a view of the steel walls topped by barbed wire at the newly reinforced U.S.-Mexico border. The city opened the complex after other shelters were filled to capacity. Church groups provided portable showers, bathrooms and sinks. The federal government estimates the migrant crowd in Tijuana could soon swell to 10,000.

Tijuana Mayor Juan Manuel Gastelum has called the migrants' arrival an "avalanche" that the city is ill-prepared to handle, calculating that they will be in Tijuana for at least six months as they wait to file asylum claims. U.S. border inspectors are processing only about 100 asylum claims a day at Tijuana's main crossing to San Diego. Asylum seekers register their names in a tattered notebook managed by migrants themselves that had more than 3,000 names even before the caravan arrived.

While many in Tijuana are sympathetic to the migrants' plight and trying to assist, some locals have shouted insults, hurled rocks and even thrown punches at the migrants.

It's a stark contrast to the many Mexican communities that welcomed the caravan with signs, music and donations of clothing after it entered Mexico nearly a month ago. Countless residents of rural areas pressed fruit and bags of water into the migrants' hands as they passed through southern Mexico, wishing them safe journeys.

Alden Rivera, the Honduran ambassador in Mexico, visited the outdoor sports complex Saturday. Rivera expects the migrants will need to be sheltered for eight months or more, and said he is working with Mexico to get more funds to feed and care for them. He expects the migrant numbers in Tijuana to reach 3,400 over the weekend, with another 1,200 migrants having made it to Mexicali, another border city a few hours to the east of Tijuana. An additional 1,500 migrants plan to reach the U.S. border region next week.

Rivera said 1,800 Hondurans have returned to their country since the caravan first set out on Oct. 13, and that he hopes more will make that decision.

"We want them to return to Honduras," Rivera said, adding that each migrant must weigh whether to go home, appeal for asylum in Mexico or wait in line to apply for asylum in the U.S.

The Mexican Interior Ministry said Friday that 2,697 Central American migrants have requested asylum in Mexico under a program that the country launched on Oct. 26 to more quickly get them credentials needed to live, work and study in southern Mexico.

Ivis Muñoz, 26, has considered returning to Honduras. The coffee farmer called his father in Atima, Honduras, on Saturday to consult on his next move a few days after being attacked on a beach by locals in Tijuana. His father told him to stick it out.

Munoz has a bullet in his leg. A gang member shot him a year ago in Honduras and threatened to kill him if he sees him again. Munoz said he found out later his girlfriend had been cheating on him with the gang member.

He's afraid to go home, but he feels unwelcome in Tijuana.

Munoz was asleep on a beach in Tijuana with about two dozen other migrants when rocks came raining down on them around 2 a.m. Wednesday. He heard a man shout in the darkness: "We don't want you here! Go back to your country!" Munoz and the others got up and ran for cover, heading toward the residential streets nearby. As the sun rose, they hitched a ride on a passing truck to Tijuana's downtown. Now he is staying at the sports complex.

"I don't know what to do," said Munoz. He fears the U.S. won't grant him asylum, and that he'll get deported if he tries to cross into the country without authorization.

Free speech threat seen in prosecuting WikiLeaks' Assange

In a divided Washington, few causes have as much bipartisan support as prosecuting WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange.

Many Democrats seethed when the radical transparency activist humiliated Hillary Clinton by publishing the content of her campaign chairman's inbox. Most Republicans haven't forgiven Assange for his publication of U.S. military and intelligence secrets. Much of the American media establishment holds him in contempt as well.

But academics, civil rights lawyers and journalism groups worry that an attempt to put Assange behind bars could damage constitutional free speech protections, with repercussions for newsrooms covering national security across the United States.

"This isn't about Julian Assange, this is about the First Amendment and press freedom," said Elizabeth Goitein, who co-directs the Liberty and National Security Program at the Brennan Center in New York. "You can't support First Amendment freedoms and still support the government chipping away at those freedoms of people you don't like."

U.S. officials clearly have been itching to get their hands on the 47-year-old ex-hacker for some time; he has been a thorn in Washington's side for almost a decade. And Assange's longtime claim that prosecutors secretly were preparing charges against was vindicated late Thursday when his name accidentally surfaced in an apparently unrelated legal filing.

A person familiar with the situation confirmed that charges against Assange have in fact been filed under seal. The person spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the charges have not been publicly announced.

"A very black day for journalism," is how WikiLeaks' recently appointed editor-in-chief, Kristinn Hrafnsson, described the development during a brief interview in Reykjavik, Iceland.

The American Civil Liberties Union and a host of other groups have also voiced their disquiet.

The nature of the charges isn't clear. Until recently, most discussions of prosecuting WikiLeaks involved the Espionage Act, a century-old law that was used to imprison former Army private Chelsea Manning, arguably WikiLeaks' most important source.

But the act has been used so far to prosecute sources who had sworn an oath or signed a non-disclosure agreement—not publishers.

The Justice Department "has drawn a line between the people who actually steal or leak information and people who publish it," Goitein said. "To extend that line to include people who have never in any way signed away their First Amendment rights is incredibly dangerous."

WORLD BRIEFS

Congo rebels attack, burn homes near UN base in east

BENI, Congo (AP)—Congo's army spokesman says rebels have burned homes and a car in a neighborhood in the east of the country where U.N. peacekeeping forces have a base. The attack late Friday into Saturday comes days after eight U.N. peacekeepers and at least 12 Congolese soldiers were killed in a joint military operation against the Allied Democratic Forces rebels in their Kididiwe stronghold near Beni. Capt. Mak Hazukay Mongha said Saturday that three houses and a car were burned overnight in the Boikene neighborhood. Congo's volatile east is home to many armed groups vying for control of the mineral-rich region. A week of intense fighting has displaced many. The area is also facing a deadly Ebola outbreak. Since October 2014, ADF fighters have killed more than 1,500 people in Beni region.

Britain says Russian contractors have no say in visa process

MOSCOW (AP)—Britain's Home Office says that the company contracted to collect visa applications in Russia has "absolutely no involvement with the decision-making process." The company, TLSContact, is "simply an application point," according to a statement. Final decisions are made in the U.K. The statement late Friday came in response to an investigation published by investigative group Bellingcat and Russian website The Insider. The investigation aims to show how Russian military intelligence officers, charged with poisoning a former Russian spy on British soil, obtained U.K. visas. A former TLSContact employee told the groups that Russia's Federal Security Service pressured him into building a "backdoor" in the application system. The investigation didn't demonstrate a clear link between these efforts and the Russian spies charged in the poisoning case.

Azerbaijan opposition leaders arrested in capital

BAKU, Azerbaijan (AP)—Authorities in Azerbaijan have arrested two opposition leaders in the capital for attempting to organize a procession, including the laying of flowers, at a national cemetery known as the Alley of Martyrs. The Popular Front party said its leader, Ali Kerimli, and Jamil Hasanli, of the National Council of Democratic Forces, were taken into custody Saturday along with a group of supporters. The site is used to honor those who died during Azerbaijan's breakaway from the Soviet Union and in territorial disputes with neighboring Armenia. The procession was organized by opposition leaders in honor of a national holiday on Saturday, known as the Day of National Revival. The holiday, created in 1992, commemorates Azerbaijan's independence from the Soviet Union. An opposition march through Baku was also planned.

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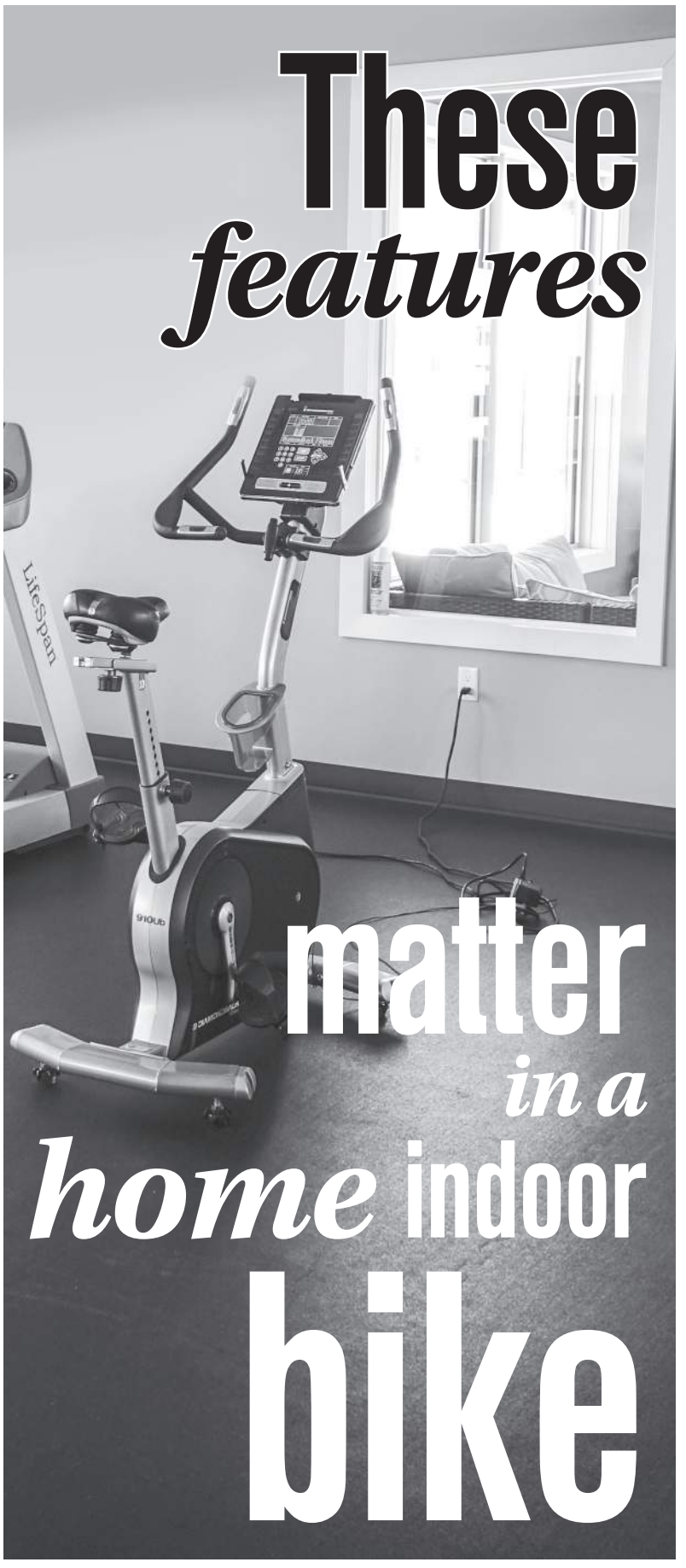

These *features* matter *in a home* indoor bike

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After years of being a phenomenon in gyms and health clubs, indoor group cycling has spawned a fitness offspring: personal indoor cycling. This means a solo ride at home on an indoor bike similar to those used in classes such as Spinning, Precision Cycling and Power Pacing.

Some manufacturers of indoor bikes such as Schwinn, Star Trac and Keiser are selling home versions, ranging from $600-$1,300. It's too early to tell whether this concept will succeed. Personal indoor cycling is mostly an open secret - instructors and those who attend classes know they can buy the home versions of the bikes, but no company aggressively markets these products.

Personal indoor cycling has several advantages:

- **More flexibility scheduling your workouts.** For parents who find it tough to fit in regular gym trips, this flexibility is important.
- **Privacy at home.** This is a plus for those who'd rather not let others see them sweat or can't drive to a health club.
- **Lesser cost.** Indoor bikes aren't expensive when compared to other fitness equipment such as treadmills and elliptical trainers.
- **No signups.** You don't have to worry about reserving a bike early before the class fills up.
- **No alien sweat and smells.** And you don't have to deal with another person's perspiration on the bike and the stink lingering from the class that wrapped up before yours starts.
- **But there are disadvantages:** Anyone who has exercised at home knows it takes extra legwork to put everything in place that will ensure a fun and fabulous workout. At home, you need to be creative and design your own workout, or buy videotapes or music for instruction. There's no one to motivate you but yourself.

How to choose a bike?

- Make sure you try several brands before buying. You can do this at the store. If this is not possible, ask friends to get you guest passes so you can try different brands at various gyms. Commercial versions are built differently from home models (to withstand heavy use), but they can give you an idea of how the bikes feel. There's nothing wrong with buying the same bike used at your gym, but shopping around has benefits. Look for:
- Sturdy construction and better-quality components. The bike should support your weight and not wobble when you're using it. Parts must be well-screwed into place and user-friendly. Sit on the bike and pedal to see how smooth the revolution is. Raise your buttocks off the saddle, increase the resistance slightly so that you can maintain a cadence and observe how stable the bike feels and the smoothness of the wheel action. Your pedaling should not feel abrupt or jerky.
- Features that allow you to customize the bike to your size: saddles that can be raised and lowered and adjusted forward and backward, and handlebars that can at least be raised and lowered.
- A year's warranty on parts and labor.
- Customer service. Find out how service and problems are addressed.

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Remember, light exercise is good for you too

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THE MERCURY NEWS

Coach potatoes take heart. If getting healthy is one of your resolutions but making daily jaunts to the gym seems daunting, researchers have good news for you.

It turns out that even light activity, think about walking the dog or vacuuming the carpet, may be better for you than we used to think. Two recent mortality studies, performed by researchers at Harvard University and the renowned Karolinska Institute in Stockholm as the Chicago Tribune reported, found that the most active subjects had a 50 to 70 percent decline in mortality compared with the least active, most sedentary participants.

"We were somewhat surprised by the strong association between light activity and mortality," said Ing-Mari Dohrn, first author of the Swedish paper as the Tribune noted. "It was a strong factor for reductions in cancer and cardiovascular deaths, as well as for all-cause mortality."

Diet and exercise studies have long bedeviled by issues of self-reporting, such as inaccuracy. Who can resist fudging a little about how much fudge they ate?

However, as the Washington Post points out, the situation has improved for exercise epidemiologists, because of the advent of lightweight, wearable accelerometers (hello Fitbit). These gadgets allow scientists to collect activity data—such as how much they sit, how much they move—on large numbers of people in a more objective manner.

The Harvard researchers mailed accelerometers to more than 16,000 U.S. women, who wore them for 15 hours a day on four or more days. The scientists then followed the women for an average of 2.3 years to determine their mortality data. The Swedish team, meanwhile, gave similar devices to 851 subjects, including almost 400 men, who wore them for 14 or more hours on four or more days. Those subjects were tracked for 14.2 years.

"What's new and important is the strength of the association we discovered with the more precise measurements," said I-Min Lee, an exercise epidemiologist on the Harvard team in the Post. "Our most active women had a 60 to 70 percent decline in mortality, which compares favorably to the 50 percent difference you would see between nonsmokers and smokers. This is why the public should pay more attention to being physically active."

Though working with different populations in different countries, both studies reported remarkably similar measurements for time sitting, time in light activity (time to fold the laundry), and time in moderate-to-vigorous activity (a game of hoops). Apparently Americans and Swedes both spend an average of about 500 minutes a day sitting, 350 minutes in light activity and 30 minutes in moderate to vigorous activity, as the Post reported.

In addition, the Swedish team also found that individuals who sit fewer than six hours a day have a 66 percent lower mortality risk than those who sit more than 10 hours a day.

So get up from your computer and go find Fido for a whirl around the neighborhood. Dare you. Or clean the house. Or play tag with your kid on the lawn. No matter how you move it may make a big difference in how long you live.

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Private funeral held for Stan Lee, more memorials in works

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A small, private funeral has been held to mourn Marvel Comics mogul Stan Lee, and his company is making more plans to memorialize him. "Stan was always adamant that he did not want a large public funeral, and as such his family has conducted a private closed ceremony in accordance with his final wishes," Lee's company POW! Entertainment said in a statement to The Associated Press on Friday. POW! Entertainment has set up a memorial wall on Lee's website where friends, colleagues and fans can share thoughts, prayers and tributes to Lee, and messages from fellow creators and artists will be posted on Lee's social media pages in the coming days. The company says further memorial plans are in the works, and hopes to share more details soon. "The grandeur of Stan makes this a monumental task," the statement said. The 95-year-old was declared dead after being rushed to a Los Angeles hospital on Monday. No cause of death has been given. He co-created the Incredible Hulk, Spider-Man, The Fantastic Four, and many of the other heroes in the Marvel comic and cinematic universes. He was a hero himself to fans who frenzied for his movie cameos and public appearances as he remained an ambassador for Marvel until the end of his life.

Obama's memoir sells more than 725,000 copies

NEW YORK (AP)—First day sales for Michelle Obama's "Becoming" topped 725,000 copies, making it one of the year's biggest debuts. Crown Publishing told The Associated Press on Friday that the figures include sales and pre-orders for the former first lady's memoir include hardcover, audio and e-books editions for the United States and Canada. "Becoming" was released on Tuesday, the same day Mrs. Obama launched a national book tour . Crown also announced that it had raised the book's print run from 1.8 million copies to 2.6 million. Reviews of the book, which traces Obama's journey from Chicago's South Side to the White House, have been positive, with The Washington Post praising its "impressive balance in telling the truth of her challenges while repeatedly acknowledging her lucky life." "Becoming" had the biggest opening of any books in 2018 by Crown's parent company, Penguin Random House. But at least one other book this year, from Simon & Schuster, did start higher: Bob Woodward's "Fear: Trump in the White House" sold around 900,000 copies after one day. "Becoming" is well exceeding the pace of previous memoirs by first ladies. In 2003, Hillary Clinton's "Living History" had first week sales of around 600,000 copies, at a time when audio sales were tiny and e-book sales nonexistent.

Man apologies for shouting 'Heil Hitler' at Baltimore show

BALTIMORE (AP)—A man who yelled "Heil Hitler! Heil Trump!" at a theater performance of "Fiddler on the Roof" in Baltimore says he's sorry for the outburst. The Baltimore Sun reports that Anthony M. Derlunas II said in an interview with the newspaper that his comments were "beyond a mistake." The 58-year-old said he'd been drinking heavily before the show. Derlunas said the classic play set in a Jewish village in czarist Russia reminded him of President Donald Trump's immigration policies, which prompted his outburst. The comments sparked panic in the Hippodrome Theatre and a few dozen people began running for the exits. The scare came a few weeks after a gunman fatally shot 11 people inside a Pittsburgh synagogue.

Justin Bieber, ex-neighbor settle long-running egging suit

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Justin Bieber has agreed to settle a long-running lawsuit filed by a former neighbor whose house the pop singer egged. A document filed Friday shows the case has been resolved in its entirety. No details were given about the terms. Jeffrey and Suzanne Schwartz filed a lawsuit in early 2015 that alleged they suffered emotional harm because of the egging and other actions by Bieber when he lived next door. The 24-year-old pop singer has already served probation in a criminal plea deal after the 2013 incident, and paid $80,000 in restitution for the damage he caused. The lawsuit alleged Bieber spit in Jeffrey Schwartz's face and terrorized the family with loud parties, drug use and aggressive driving while living in a gated community in the celebrity enclave of Calabasas. It sought more than $25,000 in damages for assault and battery, trespassing and infliction of emotional distress claims. Bieber's attorneys argued that the restitution he already paid and the punishment he was given were sufficient, and that he did not rightly owe more for emotional damages.

Historic Cincinnati train terminal reopens after restoration

CINCINNATI (AP)—Cincinnati's historic Union Terminal is reopening Saturday after a $224 million restoration. WCPO-TV reports the reopening is being celebrated with the release of a documentary produced by local filmmaker Billy Miossi called, "Saving Union Terminal." The documentary chronicles the history of the landmark which opened as a railroad station in 1933. The Art Deco style terminal now houses museums, exhibits, a movie theater and a Cincinnati history library and archives. Miossi says the building has an underdog legacy that has made it something to root for among Cincinnatians.

'An Elephant Sitting Still' wins top prize at Golden Horse

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP)—"An Elephant Sitting Still" won the top prize Saturday night at the Golden Horse Awards, the Chinese-language version of the Oscars. The film, whose director, Hu Bo, committed suicide before its release, upset the highly touted martial-arts epic "Shadow," by veteran director Zhang Yimou. Zhang won best director for "Shadow." The Golden Horse Awards honor films from Taiwan, Hong Kong, mainland China and other parts of the Chinese-speaking world, transcending political, cultural and geographic borders. Judges were led by Gong Li, the leading actress in many of Zhang's earlier films, who was invited by Ang Lee, director of Hollywood features including "Brokeback Mountain." "Shadow," which delves into Chinese martial arts and palace intrigue, led with 12 nominations. Taiwanese stage actress Hsieh Ying-xuan won best actress for her role in "Dear Ex," which explores the relationship between a gay man and his lover after his death. Best actor was won by China's Xu Zheng for his work in "Dying to Survive."

Disney details new 'Star Wars: Galaxy's Edge' attractions

ORLANDO, Florida (AP)— "Star Wars" fans will soon be able to pilot the Millennium Falcon and face off against Kylo Ren in battle. Disney on Saturday announced some details of the new "Star Wars: Galaxy's Edge" lands, opening in 2019. It also announced that composer John Williams, creator of the classic "Star Wars" themes, is writing new music for the "Galaxy's Edge" attractions, and shared a sneak preview. The two signature attractions of the "lands" now under construction will be "Millennium Falcon: Smuggler's Run," in which guests can take the controls in three different roles, and "Star Wars: Rise of the Resistance," offering an "epic battle" between the First Order and the Resistance. The attractions are to open at Disneyland Resort in summer 2019 and at Walt Disney World Resort in the fall.

California woman owes $3.6 million in movie studio scam

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP)—A California woman has been ordered to pay more than $3.6 million in restitution after admitting that she scammed investors with claims she had Hollywood backing to build a movie studio complex in Northern California. Carissa Carpenter was sentenced Friday in federal district court in Sacramento to six years and six months in federal prison. The 55-year-old Carpenter, formerly of Malibu, was convicted of mail fraud and lying to a federal agent. She claimed to have invested hundreds of millions of dollars of her own money in the studio project, and to have support from well-connected people in the entertainment industry. Prosecutors say in fact the Hollywood figures had little or no involvement in the project. They say she used investors' money to fund an extravagant lifestyle.

First African-American top network executive exiting ABC

LOS ANGELES (AP)—ABC Entertainment President Channing Dungey, who created a deep bench of ethnic diversity in the network's shows and fired Roseanne Barr for a racist tweet, will be stepping down. Her decision announced Friday comes amid ABC corporate parent Walt Disney Co.'s pending acquisition of 21st Century Fox and the planned reorganization of Disney's television units. Dungey, who became the first African-American programming chief for a major broadcast network when she was named to the job in February 2016, will be replaced by Karey Burke, head of programming development at ABC sibling cable channel Freeform since 2014, the network said. Dungey will remain during a transition period as Burke takes over. Burke's resume includes overseeing production of NBC prime-time series including "ER" and "The West Wing" from 1999 to 2003, during which time she developed "Scrubs," "Freaks & Geeks" and other shows.

Obsession with politics turns friendship into one-way street

DEAR ABBY: I have a friend who constantly talks about all the negative politics going on today. I'm sick of hearing it. It's not because I don't care or disagree, but it has become the topic of every conversation. She's extremely depressed, has major anxiety issues and, despite seeing a therapist, her condition has not only not improved, but has gotten worse.

I feel it has become a one-way conversation, and she's not interested in listening to me. This is extremely upsetting because my husband passed away two years ago, and she doesn't want to hear about it. She thinks it is less important since it "only affects me," and I "should have gotten over it by now." My husband and I were married 30 years, and his death was sudden and unexpected. Please help me get through this difficult time.

OVERWHELMED IN IOWA

DEAR OVERWHELMED: Please accept my sympathy for the loss of your husband. Because you are still grieving, and your friend is unable to help you cope with your sadness, it might help you to join a grief support group in which you can air those feelings with others who understand.

As to your friendship with the troubled individual you wrote about, it might be healthier for you to step back for a time. You are not equipped to handle -- or help her handle -- her anxiety and depression. That's her therapist's job, and unless you can pry her off the topic of politics and on to something more neutral, your time would be better spent with people who are better balanced.

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DEAR ABBY: I have one sister, who is 10 years my junior. I have always lived in a big city; she lives on a ranch near a small town. I'm widowed now and recently moved to another town to be near my son.

On two occasions my sister has come to help me with unpacking and has overruled many of my decisions regarding what I will keep or sell, where to put things, etc. When I objected, she became emotional and left in a huff.

She and her husband were coming to help again, but beforehand she had already told my son how they were planning to get things done. Any time there's even a hint of a problem, she calls my son and tells him about it, and obviously, only from her point of view.

I'm afraid irreparable damage has been done to our relationship, and I don't know what to do. I have no other relatives. Please advise.

BROKENHEARTED IN TEXAS

DEAR BROKENHEARTED: I'm sorry you are broken-hearted, but with time your broken heart will heal. From your description of her, your sister appears to be overbearing and loose-lipped. Unless you are willing to live according to her rules, what you should do is hire someone to help you unpack and begin cultivating relationships outside the family that are less high-maintenance than the one you have with your sister. If you do, I'm sure you will be much happier.

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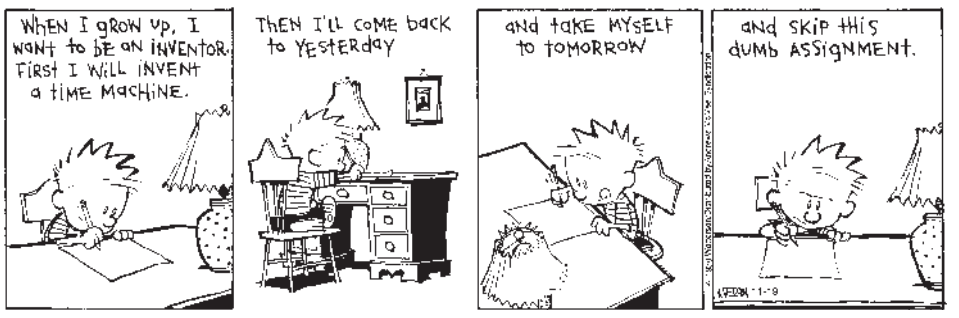
Pastimes

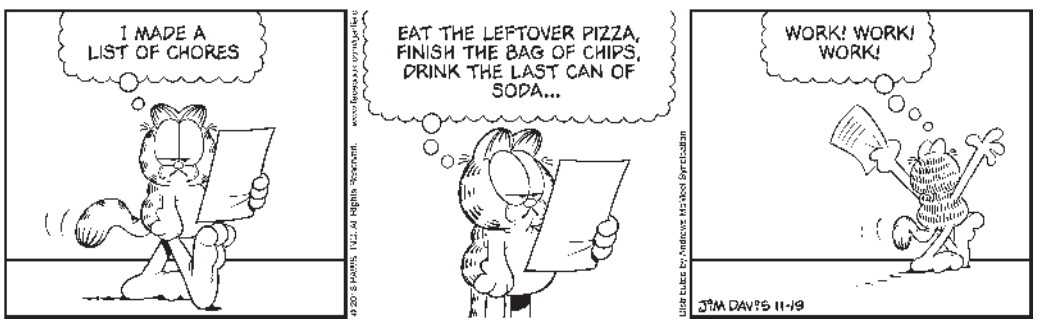
Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson


WHEN I GROW UP, I WANT TO BE AN INVENTOR. FIRST I WILL INVENT A TIME MACHINE.
THEN I'LL COME BACK TO YESTERDAY
AND TAKE MYSELF TO TOMORROW
AND SKIP THIS DUMB ASSIGNMENT.

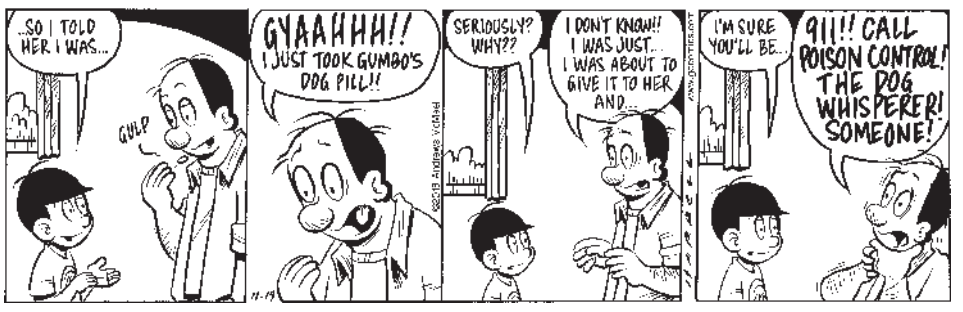
Garfield®

By Jim Davis


I MADE A LIST OF CHORES
EAT THE LEFTOVER PIZZA, FINISH THE BAG OF CHIPS, DRINK THE LAST CAN OF SODA...
WORK! WORK! WORK!
JIM DAVIS 11-19

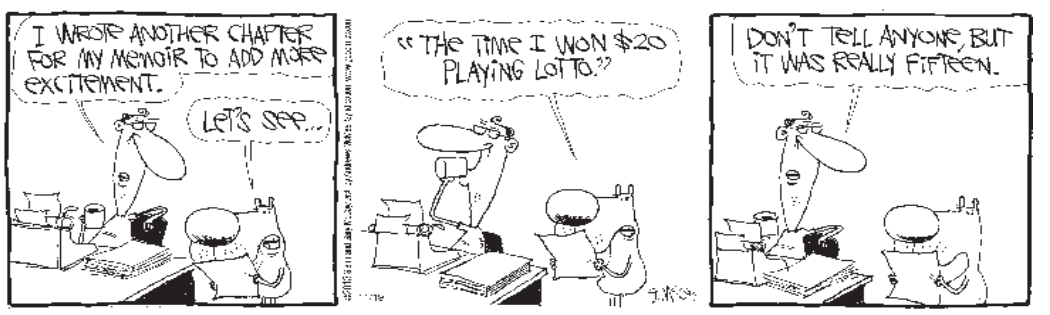
Adam@home

By Bryan Basset


...SO I TOLD HER I WAS...
GULP
GYAAHHH!! I JUST TOOK GUMBO'S DOG PILL!!
SERIOUSLY? WHY??
I DON'T KNOW!! I WAS JUST... I WAS ABOUT TO GIVE IT TO HER AND...
I'M SURE YOU'LL BE...
911!! CALL POISON CONTROL! THE DOG WHISPERER! SOMEONE!

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy


I WROTE ANOTHER CHAPTER FOR MY MEMOIR TO ADD MORE EXCITEMENT.
LET'S SEE...
"THE TIME I WON $20 PLAYING LOTTO."
DON'T TELL ANYONE, BUT IT WAS REALLY FIFTEEN.

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Equitable
5 Pen tip
8 Ship's staff
12 Being filmed
14 Saintly ring
15 Reuben base
16 French river
17 eBay offer
18 Lion packs
20 Those opposed
23 McDonald's founder Ray
24 Ernie's pal
25 Idle time for an NFL team
28 Historic period
29 Icky
30 Singer McGraw
32 Yarn label identifiers
34 "— Karenina"
35 Car
36 Madrid museum
37 Lack
40 Enthusiast
41 Bank statement no.
42 Driver's license info
47 Persian leader
48 Noisy snakes
49 "Today" co-host Kotb
50 Hot tub
51 Owed amount

DOWN

1 Supporting
2 Whatever number
3 Decorate a cake
4 Cottontail
5 Requirement
6 Playwright Levin
7 Harmful publicity
8 Pick
9 Incursion
10 Otherwise
11 Troubles
13 Hosp. scans
19 Tiers
20 Jurist Fortas
21 Dweeb
22 Tea carrier
23 Japanese city
25 Fraternity members
26 Sicilian peak
27 Variety
29 Oversupply
31 Chinese chairman
33 Sultry singer Kitt
34 Golf's Palmer
36 Treaty
37 Sprint
38 Canyon sound
39 Military sch.
40 Greek salad cheese
43 Chatter
44 Gypsy Rose —
45 Sphere
46 Letters after Q

Solution time: 26 mins.

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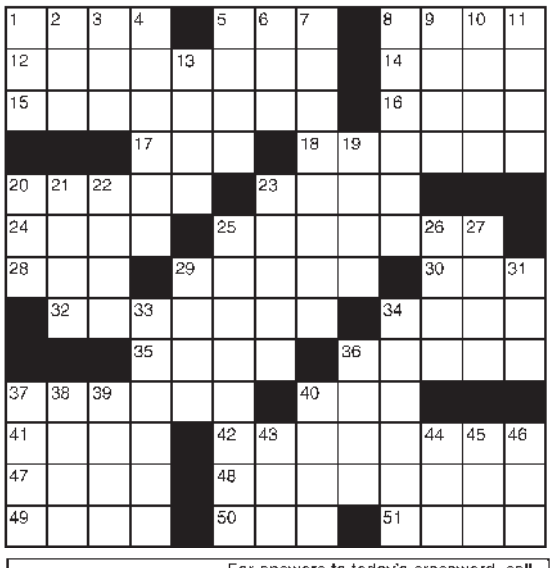
Last Friday's Answer 11-19



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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Jodie Foster, 56; Meg Ryan, 57; Allison Janney, 59; Ann Curry, 62.

Happy Birthday: Emotions and money won't mix well this year. Concentrate on how best to establish your lot in life and where you want to head in the future. Don't be fooled by someone trying to get you to move in a direction that isn't your first choice. Take a stand and make your objectives clear. Your numbers are 2, 13, 21, 26, 32, 37, 44.

ARIES *(March 21-April 19):* Keep your emotions out of your decision-making. Change can be good if it is projected with precision and a clear head. Know what you want, and make choices based on what's realistic. Personal improvements are featured. ✪✪✪

TAURUS *(April 20-May 20):* Keep your secrets hidden. Listen more and reveal less. Don't let anger or a stubborn attitude cause you to make a mistake. Work on self-improvement, not trying to change others. Hard work will lead to good results. ✪✪✪

GEMINI *(May 21-June 20):* Good things are heading your way. Look for an opportunity to advance, to improve your image or to take care of a pending problem that can make a difference in your future advancement. A partnership looks promising. Romance is encouraged. ✪✪✪✪

CANCER *(June 21-July 22):* Be careful whom you trust or share your plans with. Someone will steal your ideas or take credit for something you did. Don't be shy. If you have something to flaunt, step into the spotlight. Don't make physical or personal alterations. ✪✪

LEO Jump into the fast lane and get things done. Speak up and share your feelings. Opportunity knocks, making it your responsibility to take advantage of whatever comes your way. Don't be fooled by someone's pie-in-the-sky ideas. Trust in your plans. ✪✪✪✪

VIRGO *(Aug. 23-Sept. 22):* Don't jump into something because someone else does. Stick to what you know and do best. Focus on taking care of your responsibilities and helping those you know appreciate you and what you have to offer. ✪✪✪

LIBRA *(Sept. 23-Oct. 22):* Emotions will flare up when dealing with domestic matters or personal relationships. Try not to overreact, or the situation will turn into a battle that will be difficult to rectify. You'll get much further ahead using intelligence and charm. ✪✪✪

SCORPIO *(Oct. 23-Nov. 21):* Truth should be behind the choices you make, and your motives should be out in the open for all to see. An upfront attitude will gain respect and help you get your way. Anger will result in unwanted problems and loss of time. ✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS *(Nov. 22-Dec. 21):* You'll thrive on change, excitement and adventure. Past relationships will reflect insight into current connections. A change that will configure future plans can be made based on your findings. Romance is on the rise and new beginnings on the horizon. ✪✪✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN *(Dec. 22-Jan. 19):* You may not like the changes taking place around you, but if you look closer, you will see there is a positive that can transform from the negative you are witnessing. Don't give up; harness your skills and do your own thing. ✪✪

AQUARIUS *(Jan. 20-Feb. 18):* It's your turn to implement positive change. Size up your situation and consider your options. There is money to be made as well as contractual changes that will give you more clout. Go after what you want, and put your skills to good use. ✪✪✪✪

PISCES *(Feb. 19-March 20):* You'll be fed false information. Don't rely on what you hear. Make assessments based on what you see, and be willing to put in the extra time to implement what you want to see transpire. Set ground rules. ✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are outgoing, aspiring and smooth. You are assertive and energetic.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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	4	7				2		
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2						8		1
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		9	4		2	5		

Difficulty Level ★ 11/19

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

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By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the **WONDERWORD.**

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I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS
a. Call to Order
b. Roll Call
c. Adoption of Agenda
d. Adoption of Minutes of Meeting - July 31, 2018

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

III. CORPORATE DIRECTOR'S REPORT
a. Divisional Update Reports

IV. OLD BUSINESS

V. NEW BUSINESS
a. Draft 2019-2020 QAP
b. LIHTC Disaster Extension
c. Lotus Homes LIHTC Application
d. Salary and Wage Study
e. Rota Field Office Relocation
f. Drug Policy Adoption
g. HOTMA Provisions Adoption

VI. LEGAL COUNSEL'S PENDING/ONGOING REPORT

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

VIII. OTHER MATTERS

IX. ADJOURNMENT

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
NEW CENTURY HOTEL
PERMIT APPLICATION NO. SMS-2019-X-001

The Division of Coastal Resources Management (DCRM) will be holding a public hearing for the proposed construction and operation of the New Century Hotel project.

The New Century Hotel, LLC is proposing to renovate and convert an existing three-story office building to a forty-eight (48) room hotel operation. The hotel will include 36 parking spaces – 2 ADA compliance parking stalls, 27 guests parking, and 7 for hotel operational use. The building is connected to the CUC power, water and sewer line. The project site is located in Tanapag Village, south of Tanapag Elementary School, east of the Youth Center, and west of Chalan Pale Arnold Road. The size of the property is approximately 1,800 square meters, more or less.

The public hearing for this project is scheduled for **Monday, December 3rd, 2018, 5PM at the BECQ Main Conference Room, 2nd Floor.**

Written comments can be submitted to the DCRM Office, Suite 305, Gualo Rai Center, Middle Road, Gualo Rai, Saipan, or mailed to the Division of Coastal Resources Management, P.O. Box 501304, or sent by fax at 664-8315. The project files are open for review and comments during regular business hours from 7:30 A.M. – 4:30 P.M., Monday through Friday. All written and oral comments received by DCRM will be included as part of the permit application records and will be considered in any decisions concerning the proposed projects. Please contact the DCRM at 664-8300/1 if you have any questions or would like to learn more about the New Century Hotel project.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
LUCKING HOTEL
PERMIT APPLICATION NO. SMS-2019-X-003

The Division of Coastal Resources Management (DCRM) will be holding a public hearing for the proposed construction and operation of the Lucking Hotel project.

The USA Fanter Corp., Ltd. is proposing to construct a four-story hotel building with 39 rooms and 28 parking stalls including 1 ADA parking on Adetfa Street in Garapan, Saipan. The first floor will consists of 28 automated parking with 1 ADA, a small office, service elevator, water catchment, and a backup generator. The second, third, and fourth floor will include thirteen (13) guest rooms on each floor.

The public hearing for this project is scheduled for **Wednesday, December 5th, 2018, 5PM at the BECQ Main Conference Room, 2nd Floor**.

Written comments can be submitted to the DCRM Office, Suite 305, Gualo Rai Center, Middle Road, Gualo Rai, Saipan, or mailed to the Division of Coastal Resources Management, P.O. Box 501304, or sent by fax at 664-8315. The project files are open for review and comments during regular business hours from 7:30 A.M. – 4:30 P.M., Monday through Friday. All written and oral comments received by DCRM will be included as part of the permit application records and will be considered in any decisions concerning the proposed projects. Please contact the DCRM at 664-8300/1 if you have any questions or would like to learn more about the Lucking Hotel project.

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Butler spoils Walker's franchise-record 60 points

CHARLOTTE (AP)—On a night the Charlotte Hornets celebrated the best players in the franchise's 30-year history, Kemba Walker eclipsed them all. Then Jimmy Butler spoiled the show.

Walker poured in a franchise-record 60 points in the Hornets' 122-119 overtime loss against the Philadelphia 76ers on Saturday night. But it was a key possession late in overtime in which Walker did not score that doomed the Hornets.

With the score tied at 119 and under 30 seconds left, Walker drove down the right side of the lane against Butler and rose up for a floater. Butler rose up just a bit higher and blocked the shot. He then made an acrobatic save to keep the ball from going out of bounds.

After a timeout to set up a final play, Butler dribbled the clock down and nailed a step-back 3 with under a second left to give Philadelphia the win.

AP

Philadelphia 76ers' Jimmy Butler (23) shoots the game-winning basket next to Charlotte Hornets' Dwayne Bacon (7) during overtime of an NBA basketball game in Charlotte, N.C., Saturday, Nov. 17, 2018.

Mavericks 112, Warriors 109

In Dallas, Luka Doncic scored 24 points, including a short jumper that gave Dallas the lead for good, and the Mavericks beat the Golden State Warriors 112-109 on Saturday night.

Golden State played without starters Stephen Curry and Draymond Green, but led by eight in the second half before the Mavs rallied.

Doncic hit a 10-footer in the lane with 1:10 left to put Dallas up 109-108, then sealed the game with two free throws with seven seconds remaining.

Rockets 132, Kings 112

In Houston, James Harden had 34 points and eight assists, and the Houston Rockets used a big first-half run on the way to their fourth straight victory, a 132-112 win over the Sacramento Kings.

Harden, who shot 10 of 17 from the field, had 15 points in the third quarter. Chris Paul added 24 points and nine assists, including 18 points in the first half, as the Rockets built a 71-59 halftime lead.

Clint Capella finished with 23 points and 16 rebounds for Houston, which shot 57 percent from the floor, including 20 of 47 from 3-point range.

Raptors 122, Bulls 83

In Chicago, Fred VanVleet scored 18 points, Danny Green added 17 and Serge Ibaka had 16 points and four blocks, sending the short-handed Toronto Raptors to a 122-83 rout of the Chicago Bulls that snapped a three-game losing streak.

Green went 7 for 7 from the field, including 3 of 3 on 3-pointers.

Toronto was minus leading scorer Kawhi Leonard, held out after playing 43 minutes in an overtime loss at Boston on Friday night. Leonard played in just nine games last season and has yet to appear in back-to-back games this season.

Antonio Blakeney had 13 points and Justin Holiday and Jabari Parker each added 12 for the Bulls, who have dropped four straight.

Jazz 98, Celtics 86

In Boston, Donovan Mitchell had 28 points and six assists, bouncing back from one of his worst performances of the season and leading the Utah Jazz to a 98-86 win over the Boston Celtics.

Ricky Rubio scored 20 points for Utah, which beat Boston for the second time in eight days and swept the season series. Rudy Gobert had 12 points and nine rebounds, and Derrick Favors finished with 10 points and eight boards.

Pelicans 125, Nuggets 115

In New Orleans, Anthony Davis scored 40 points and led the New Orleans Pelicans to a 125-115 victory over the Denver Nuggets.

Davis followed up his 43-point performance in a 129-124 victory against New York on Friday night by leading a balanced scoring effort for New Orleans, which won for the fifth time in six games. Davis shot 10 for 20 from the field and converted 20 of 21 chances from the line.

Julius Randle had 21 points and 14 rebounds off the bench for the Pelicans. Nikola Mirotic had 20 points and 10 rebounds, Jrue Holiday overcame foul trouble to finish with 19 points and E'Twaun Moore added 13 points.

Magic 130, Lakers 117

In Orlando, Nikola Vucevic had 36 points and 13 rebounds, D.J. Augustin added 22 points and the Orlando Magic beat the Los Angeles Lakers.

Vucevic scored 24 points in the second half as Orlando led by as many as 21 and ended the Lakers' four-game winning streak.

Evan Fournier had 15 points and Terrence Ross scored 13 for the Magic, who have won four of five.

Pacers 97, Hawks 89

In Indianapolis, Bojan Bogdanovic scored 22 points, Darren Collison had 12 points and five assists, and the Indiana Pacers beat the Atlanta Hawks.

Aaron Holiday scored 12 points off the bench and Thaddeus Young had 11 points and seven rebounds for the Pacers, who played most of the game without All-Star guard Victor Oladipo because of a sore right knee.

Reserve Jeremy Lin scored 16 points and Kent Bazemore had 13 points, five rebounds and four steals for the Hawks, who have lost seven straight.

Clippers 127, Nets 118

In New York, Danilo Gallinari scored 28 points, Tobias Harris had 27 and the Los Angeles Clippers rallied to beat the Brooklyn Nets.

Montrezl Harrell added 16 points and 10 rebounds as Los Angeles opened a three-game trip with its fourth straight win. Fellow reserve Lou Williams finished with 16 points and five assists.

World Series MVP Pearce stays with Red Sox for $6.25M

BOSTON (AP)—World Series MVP Steve Pearce is staying with the Red Sox.

The journeyman first baseman agreed to a $6.25 million, one-year contract with Boston on Friday.

The 35-year-old Pearce was a free agent after completing a $12.5 million, two-year deal that he got from Toronto in December 2016. He earned an additional $150,000 bonus for his selection as World Series MVP. His new deal also includes award bonuses.

"We're thrilled to have Steve back with us for another year as we think he's a great fit for our club," Red Sox president of baseball operations Dave Dombrowski said in a statement. "Obviously, we all saw what kind of impact he can have on the field, especially with the postseason that he had. He also provides good depth and balance from the right side for us."

A major league nomad of 12 teams, Pearce was traded to Boston in late June. He played 50 games for the Red Sox, hitting five home runs against the New York Yankees, including three on Aug. 2.

He made his biggest impact in the postseason, batting .289 with four home runs and 11 RBIs. He went deep in Game 4 of the World Series and connected two more times in the Game 5 finale against the Los Angeles Dodgers. He reached base in each of his 12 postseason games.

Pearce called this past season a dream.

"You never know where the game will take you," he said after Boston's World Series victory last month. "And I've gone through a lot in my life or in my career to be here, and I couldn't be more thankful."

Mayweather's exhibition versus Japanese back on

TOKYO (AP)—Floyd Mayweather's match against a Japanese kickboxer is once again on for New Year's Eve as an exhibition fight with knockouts allowed but likely no decision granted on a win or a loss.

Nobuyuki Sakakibara, the head of Rizin Fighting Federation, which is putting on the three-round exhibition, told reporters Saturday at Tokyo's Haneda airport that "a misunderstanding" was behind Mayweather, 41, appearing to back out.

The event, to be held at Saitama Super Arena in suburban Tokyo on Dec. 31, was initially announced earlier this month.

Sakakibara, who just returned holding meetings with Mayweather in Los Angeles, said the basic agreement had not changed from the initial contract, which did not allow kicking.

He said Tenshin Nasukawa, 20, will have a chance to knock out Mayweather, but the results will not go against either fighter's win-loss record. Other details are still being worked out.

"We don't want people to think this is some half-hearted playing around," Sakakibara said, appearing before reporters in a sweatshirt.

He also said spectators would not see mere "casual sparring."

Sakakibara stressed the event would include the largest payout for an exhibition fight but did not give specifics. Mayweather previously said he was already making "seven figures" just by talking about it.

"He will stand before Tenshin Dec. 31," Sakakibara said of Mayweather. "It's up to Tenshin whether he can create a miracle."

Sakakibara acknowledged he could not rule out a last-minute cancellation but promised he would do his best to make what he called the "fun show" happen. He also said he could not tell what kind of shape Mayweather was in because he has not watched him work out.

The promoter compared the event to the first "Rocky" film, as well as to the 1976 match between Muhammad Ali and Japanese wrestler Antonio Inoki.

Mayweather told TMZ Sports earlier this week he would take part in the exhibition match after all, stressing he was making "a ton of money" even in retirement.

The best seats for the fight will cost 100,000 yen ($900) each. The cheapest seats cost 7,000 yen ($60).

When things go sour in the NFL, QBs often are changed

AP
Baltimore Ravens quarterback Joe Flacco (5) looks to pass under pressure from Cincinnati Bengals defensive end Carl Lawson in the first half of an NFL football game, Thursday, Sept. 13, 2018, in Cincinnati.

When things go sour, an NFL team's fan base often points to two people: the guy calling plays on the sideline, and the man behind center trying to execute them.

As we get deeper into the 2018 schedule, the futures of some coaches could be tied to how their quarterbacks have struggled—or outright flopped.

Doug Marrone and Blake Bortles in Jacksonville? Perhaps.

Vance Joseph and Case Keenum in Denver? Possibly.

John Harbaugh and Joe Flacco? Could be.

Then again, each of those coaches could keep their jobs and have new QBs in 2019. And we know Jon Gruden isn't going anywhere in Oakland, though Derek Carr might head elsewhere.

Nor is Pat Shurmur, despite a discouraging first year in the Jersey Meadowlands, likely to leave the Big Apple. But the status of a 37-year-old Eli Manning is in more doubt.

It would be a surprise to see Adam Gase out in Miami. Considering how much he has been out of the lineup in his seven-year career, it would not be a stunner to see Ryan Tannehill depart the Dolphins.

NEW YORK

Manning is not a washed-up has-been. His arm remains strong, his knowledge of the game is irreplaceable and he has three enviable options in Odell Beckham Jr., Saquon Barkley and Evan Engram.

What he doesn't have is anyone who can block with any regularity. Manning is about as mobile as Shurmur, maybe less so, and when he doesn't get the necessary time to set himself, he's not likely to find a comfortable place to throw.

Yes, it's time for the Giants to look for a replacement, but not necessarily someone to take over next year. How about finally improving perhaps the worst offensive line in the league and seeing what Manning can do behind it?

Otherwise, Carr could wind up an option as Gruden keeps wheeling and dealing.

DENVER

Keenum has another year to go on the deal he parlayed his best career season (in Minnesota) to get with QB-desperate Denver. Cutting him will cost a $10 million cap hit, so unless John Elway can work a trade for that prohibitive contract, Keenum figures to be back with the Broncos.

The cupboard is bare behind him, especially after Chad Kelly got himself arrested and then released. Plus, Keenum once again has had to learn a new offense, and he's had some knee issues.

Elway could be enticed to add a veteran who has won a Super Bowl, as he did with Peyton Manning (did someone say Flacco?), but only if he can deal Keenum.

BALTIMORE

Flacco, who's had a better (but not great) season than in recent years, is bothered by a hip injury. And his eventual replacement, Lamar Jackson, was chosen in the first round of April's draft.

The massive contract Flacco earned after winning the 2012 championship as Super Bowl MVP was extended in 2016 and he is signed through 2021. But the Ravens can open up $10.5 million in salary cap space by releasing Flacco, 33, after the season, with a potential savings of $18.5 million if they designate him as cut after June 1, which would damage his value elsewhere.

He won't command the same kind of money on the open market, but he will command attention for his strong arm, solid leadership, willingness to play hurt, and, well, a pedigree that rarely reaches free agency with a few good years left.

MIAMI

Brock Osweiler is the 19th starter since Dan Marino ended his Hall of Fame career. None has been a star, though Chad Pennington could have been had his shoulder not been so brittle.

Gase would seem to be tied to Tannehill, who has played in five games this year, none last season, because of injuries. When healthy, Tannehill helped get the Dolphins to the playoffs as a wild card in 2016, Gase's first year in Miami. Then he was hurt for the postseason.

Gase has been something of a QB guru in other stops, so a young guy who can stay in the lineup might be appealing. Or maybe a 20-something needing a change of scenery such as Jameis Winston or Bortles.

TAMPA BAY

Perhaps the most puzzling case of all because Winston, the top pick in the 2015 draft, should be a slam dunk as the future. He isn't.

Winston is due $20.9 million next season, the final year of his rookie deal. That's way more than he is worth, and though the Bucs picked up his fifth-year option, they could release him in '19 and not owe him anything; 2019 is guaranteed only in case of injury, which is why some speculate Winston may not play again this year.

He comes with lots of talent, but still lacks maturity. He has had off-field issues and was suspended for the first three games this season.

Do the Bucs want to start over at the position, knowing Winston's potential remains sky high?

JACKSONVILLE

Convinced after coming oh-so-close to making the Super Bowl that Bortles could be their franchise guy, the Jaguars signed him to a three-year, $54 million contract that includes a $16 million salary in 2019. So there would be $16.5 million in dead money if he is cut.

And, like Keenum, the numbers for a trade likely are prohibitive.

But folks in Jacksonville believe, despite the current 3-6 mark, that the Jags are built to win soon. Maybe not with the struggling Bortles, however.

OAKLAND

Gruden has publicly backed Carr, but it's difficult to gauge if that support is strong or even real. Given his maneuvers to redo the Raiders, it appears with Gruden no one is safe.

Gruden would love to find a Rich Gannon clone, maybe a Flacco or even a Nick Foles. And cutting Carr would create only $7.5 million in dead money, hardly prohibitive.

BARRY

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squad played against Braulio Alonso High School.

Barry acknowledged that as a coach, he now has more responsibilities and believes the things he learned and experienced from his coaches in the CNMI and in the collegiate ranks will help him in this new journey.

"I have had a lot of coaches and they all have prepared me for this moment. It makes me appreciate all the coaches that I had the honor to play under. It's more than what it seems—coaches have a lot more responsibilities than I've ever thought," Barry said.

Meanwhile, CNMI men's national team head coach Michiteru Mita and MP United Football Club vice president Norman Del Rosario led the Commonwealth's soccer community in congratulating Barry for his new milestone.

"I would like to congratulate Bo on his new career as a coach. I'm also glad he started coaching right after he took the AFC C license course held in June this year. A coach needs to have a lot of practice to be a better coach. He has a lot of national team experience as a player. That experience would be good advantage for him to be a better coach," Mita said.

"I hope one day, experienced players like him will come back to the islands and coach our young players. They would be good role models for our young players. A national player who grew up here and went off-island to play soccer in mainland and then come back to the island and contribute to our soccer community, that's awesome. We need qualified local coaches to further develop our soccer program," the Northern Mariana Islands Football Association technical director added.

For Del Rosario, who was also Barry's coach with MP United, he was not surprised to see the CNMI national team player becoming a coach.

"Bo has this mentality of helping out young players and always thinking of how he can pass on his knowledge in the sport. Now is a great opportunity for him to do this and as a coach he will not only teach them about soccer, but also about brotherhood. We, at MP United, are very proud of Bo, as he steps into coaching and starts helping young kids become better players on and off the pitch and guide them toward being responsible members of the community/school," Del Rosario said.

Djokovic sets up ATP Finals title clash with Zverev

LONDON—Novak Djokovic produced a masterclass on Saturday to crush Kevin Anderson and set up a title decider at the ATP Finals against Alexander Zverev, who ousted Roger Federer after a bizarre incident involving a ball boy.

The world No. 1 Djokovic comfortably saw off the fourth seed, 6-2, 6-2, never looking remotely troubled as he targets a record-equalling sixth end-of-season title at London's O2 Arena.

Earlier, 21-year-old Zverev beat Federer, 7-5, 7-6 (7/5), denying the Swiss veteran a tilt at a 100th title and earning a chance to avenge his round-robin defeat at the hands of the Serb earlier in the tournament.

"I'm very pleased I'm able to play at a high level consistently week after week for the last six months," said Djokovic.

"I played very well in the group stage against Sascha (Zverev) but I don't think he was close to his best... It is the last match of the year for both of us so let the better player win."

Anderson came into the evening contest knowing his serve had to be firing on all cylinders if he was to stand any chance against Djokovic—one of the greatest returners in the history of the game.

But the giant South African landed just 48 percent of first serves in the first set and Djokovic was ruthless in punishing his opponent, breaking in the first game and repeating the feat before serving out for the set.

Hitting the ball with mesmeric accuracy, Djokovic broke his fading opponent at the start of the second set and again in the fifth game to underline his total domination.

Djokovic's serving numbers are even more phenomenal than his returning -- he has not been broken once in four matches in London and has faced just two break points.

When asked whether he is producing some of the best serving in his career, he said: "Possibly. It is not very common to serve more aces than Kevin (six to four). That stat helps the confidence."

The 14-time Grand Slam champion has only lost two matches since July as he makes up for lost time following elbow surgery and poor form earlier in the season.

Ball boy blunder

The end of the Federer-Zverev match was overshadowed by an unusual incident, Zverev stopping a rally with Federer leading 4-3 in the second-set tie-break after a ball boy dropped a ball.

Zverev won the replayed point with an ace and nudged into a 5-4 lead before Federer inexplicably netted with a simple forehand volley to hand the German two match points, the second of which he took on his own serve.

Butler spoils Walker's franchise-record 60 points

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Carol reaches semis of Grade 1 tournament

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ITF Juniors

Top CNMI junior player Carol Lee earned a Final Four spot in a high-ranking tournament in Mexico.

Lee teamed up with Ukraine's Viktoriya Petrenko and they notched two more wins over the weekend after prevailing in the opener last Wednesday to make it to the semifinals of the Copa Mundial Campeche FMT. The pair, who topped Mexico's Ana Paula Chavez Sanchez and Fatima Yareli Gutierrez Martinez, 6-2, 6-2, in the opener at the Campeche Country Club in Campeche, next stunned No. 5 seed Elen Louka of Cyprus and Burundi's Sada Nahimana, 6-2, 6-4, to march into the quarterfinals of the upper half of the draw.

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Carol Lee, seen here in action during an ITF Juniors event on Saipan, made it to the semifinals of the doubles event of the Copa Mundial Campeche FMT held at the Campeche Country Club in Campeche, Mexico.

The unranked Lee and Petrenko then bagged their third straight victory and a semis ticket that went with it after they eliminated Americans Jenna Defalco and Madison Sieg, 6-2, 6-2. Defalco and Sieg earlier won over Mexico's Ximena Cano and Karen Verduzco, 6-1, 6-0.

In the semis, the CNMI bet and Ukrainian were pitted against No. 3 Natsumi Kawaguchi of Japan and Adrienn Nagy of Hungary with the latter pair ending the former's streak and finals hopes after laboring through a 6-4, 7-5 win. Kawaguchi and Nagy later fell short in their doubles title bid as they were beaten by No. 2 seed Hurricane Tyra Black of the U.S. and Selin Ovunc of Turkey, 4-6, 6-3, 10-7.

The Copa Mundial Campeche FMT was Lee's first competition in Mexico and it was a Grade 1 event, which awarded 210 world-ranking points to the champions and 130 to the finalists. Lee and Petrenko received 75 ranking points for advancing to the semifinals.

In the singles, the winner will get 280 points. The singles finals results were unavailable as off press time last night with Black scheduled to face Latvia's Kamilla Bartone in the title game.

Meanwhile, up next for Lee is an even higher-ranking tournament—the Mundial Juvenil Yucatan HSBC FMT.

The Mundial Juvenil is a Grade A competition that will start tomorrow and will be held at the Club Campestre de Yucatán Calle in Merida. As much as 500 and 375 rankings points can be won in the singles and doubles events, respectively, of this clay-court tournament.

Barry gets coaching post

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After suiting up for the CNMI national team on several occasions, Bo Barry will try his hand at coaching, as he was selected to call the shots for a high school team in Florida.

HWB MARCHING YELLOW JACKETS

"I am very happy and very excited for this new challenge," said Barry, who got the coaching post for the boys high school varsity team of the Howard W. Blake High School in Tampa.

"I don't feel any pressure, it's more like of excitement," said the St. Leo University graduate, who had his debut with the Yellow Jackets last Friday as the

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The CNMI Men's National Team's Bo Barry, right, is being watched by a Shonan Bellmare defender during their training match in Japan in July this year.